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LETTERS FROM FORT ST. GEORGE

1761

(VOLUME XXXVI.)

No. 1.

To the Honble Charles Crommelin Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We now forward to you agreeable to the desire of the President and Council of Fort William the ships Lord Mansfield and Sandwich.

Inclosed your honour &ca. will receive the accounts of Deficiencies of each Ship to be sent to England in their Packets when they return thither agreeable to the Companys express orders, We likewise forward you the Reports of the Master Attendant of Calcutta concerning their respective Conditions; together with the Captains receipts for the Packets, addressed to your Presidency.

Fort St. George
January 13th. 1761.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedient Servants
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.
Dawsonne Drake.
John Andrews.
Richard Fairfield.
Samuel Ardley.
Charles Turner.

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Fort St. George
January 13th. 1761.

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Daniel Morse
Secrety.

Fort St. George
13th. January 1761.

No. 2.

To Captain Alexander Macleod
of the ship Lord Mansfield.

Sir

You are hereby order'd (Winds and weather permitting) to weigh your Anchor and proceed to the Port of Bombay where on your Arrival you are to deliver the Packet herewith given you in charge directed for that Presidency; On your Arrival you are to follow all such Orders as you shall receive from the President and Council.

In your way thither you must call at Anjengo and Tellicherry, to receive such Directions as may be lodged at those respective places, but not remain at either, longer than is absolutely necessary.

We are
Sir,
Your most obedient Servants,
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.
Dawsonne Drake.
John Andrews.
Richard Fairfield.
Samuel Ardley.
Charles Turner.

Fort St. George
13th. January 1761.

No. 3.

To Captain Andrew Quicke
of the Ship Sandwich.

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In your way thither you must call at Anjengo and Tellicherry to receive such Directions as may be lodged at those respective places, but not remain at either, longer than is absolutely necessary.

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Charles Bourchier.
Dawsonne Drake.
John Andrews.
Richard Fairfield.
Samuel Ardley.
Charles Turner.

Fort St. George
13th. January 1761.

No. 4.

To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of
Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Snow Leopard which arrived here the 17th. Instant brought us your favour of the 24th. December.

We now dispatch to you the Tartar Sloop as she intended to carry advices express from our Secret department We have not laden any thing on her.

The Protest of your Master Attendant against the Captains of the Lord Mansfield and Sandwich as well as the Pilots Letters, were omitted to be enclosed; We hope to receive Copies by the Onslow, which we shall not fail to forward to Bombay, the two first mentioned ships having been dispatched already for the Malabar Coast.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedt. Humble Servants
John Smith &ca. Council.

Fort St. George
20th. January 1761.

No. 5.

To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of
Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The last time we did ourselves the pleasure to address you, was under date the 20th. Instant.

We are now to inform you, that we shall in Compliance with your Request, order a proper sett of Stamps to be prepared, for the Coinage of Arcot Rupees in your Mint; nor shall we be wanting in our endeavours to procure experienced Persons to proceed to your Presidency there to undertake the management of that particular Branch.

The Papers concerning Ali Verdi Mustapha have been sent by the Tartar Sloop, and we shall as soon as possible supply you with the Quantity of Redwood you desire.

The Leopard Snow will shortly be dispatched to the West Coast, with the Consignment of Ophium, you were pleased to lade on board of her, and a proper Person sent to dispose thereof.

Enclosed we return to your Honour &c^{a}. the Bill of Exchange drawn by Captain Brohier on M^{r}. Call for Current Rupees 7000, duely Protested also the ship Onslow Europe Invoice.

The Protests against the Commanders of the Lord Mansfield and Sandwich together with the Letters relative thereto, have not as yet been sent, when they arrive, we shall transmit them to Bombay.

Lewis da Costa, whom you mentioned to us, as a Person who had defrauded the Company is now our Prisoner, and we shall embrace the first opportunity of sending him to you. We are,

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most Obed^{t}. Humble Servants
JOHN SMITH &CA. COUNCIL.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
28TH. JANUARY 1761.

No. 6.

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES CROMMELIN ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL OF
BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The last time we did ourselves the pleasure to address you, was under date the 13th. Instant and a Duplicate whereof is now enclosed, since which time we have been favoured with your Letter of the 18th. Ultimo and to which we shall now reply.

As it is not in our Power to furnish Usoff Cawn at present, with the several Articles he has required; if the Chief and Factors at Anjengo, can comply with his Indents, we think they may be safely Warranted in so doing, since Usoff Cawn has frequently had credit with Us to a much larger amount and always fulfilled his Engagements with great exactness.

With respect to supplying Usoff Cawn with Military Stores and the intended Communication to be opened for that purpose, Your Honour &c^{a}. must certainly be the best Judges, whether this scheem [*sic*] can be carried into proper effect or not, that point should therefore more properly remain to be settled by you above.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants
JOHN SMITH &C^{A}. COUNCIL.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
THE 28TH. JANUARY 1761.

No. 7.

TO CAPTAIN ROBERT BARCLAY
OF THE SNOW LEOPARD.

SIR

You are hereby directed to repair on board and make the best of your way to Pondicherry where you are to follow all such Orders as you shall receive from M^{r}. Josias Dupré Dated at Fort St. George the 10th February 1761.

GEORGE PIGOT &C^{A}. COUNCIL.

No. 8

To Christian Van Teylingen Esqr.
Chief &ca. Council at Puliacat.

Gentlemen

We have received your Letter of the 5th. Instant inclosing copy of a Bill drawn at Padong by Messrs. Wyatt and Hall on Us, as those Gentlemen had no authority for so doing We cannot take upon Us to discharge it; Application must therefore be made to them for Repayment of the sum they have so taken up.

Fort St. George
25th. February 1761.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most obedient Servants,
George Pigot
&ca. Council.

No. 9

To David Boilen Esquire
Governour of Malacca

Worshipfull Sir

Being about to dispatch the Leopard Snow to your Settlement to bring away such of the People and Stores left there out of the ships Norfolk and Duke of Richmond as she can take on board, I have the pleasure of returning you in the Name of our Honble Company Thanks for the friendly assistance which the Supracargoes and Captains of those ships have informed me you have afforded in securing what was landed by them of the Fort Marlbro's Cargo and I am now to request you will be pleased to continue the good Office you have undertaken by giving such Orders as may be necessary for the shiping on board the Leopard Snow so much of our Stores under your care as she can stow and such as may remains behind since they will doubtless be what can be in no danger of spoiling I hope you will not think too much trouble still to keep under your care till we can fetch them away also, should the Military designed for Fort Marlbro' be with you I make no question of your readiness to send them on board the snow on which We have directed our Companys three convenanted Servants to embark; the Expence incurred by your Honble Company throughout the Transacting of this Business, or any other of the same kind for our Honble Company shall be duely paid if you will think proper to draw upon this Presidency, to which disbursements I must desire you to add any sums that the three Gentlemen of ours with you may stand in want of to discharge the incidental debts they may have been under a necessity of incurring for their maintenance at Malacca, provided the same does not exceed 1000 ℔.

The Supracargoes of the Norfolk and Duke of Richmond having represented to me the Assiduity of Messrs. Cook and D'Vint (in your service) by being very diligent in keeping the accounts of what was landed from those ships I am well assured that our Company will be highly satisfied they shou'd be rewarded you will therefore be good enough to pay them in the Name of our Company each 100 Spanish Dollars and add the same to your Bill on this Place.

One favour more I have to entreat of you which is that if the shipping of this season destined for Fort Marlbro' should pursue the same Course as those of the last have done; you will repeat the kindness you have already shewn to our Honble Company by granting the same Indulgence to them likewise if they are in want of it.

Fort St. George
22d. April 1761.

I am,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Humble Servant,
George Pigot.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.
Dawsonne Drake.
Richard Fairfield.
Samuel Ardley.
Charles Turner.

No. 10

To Captain Pinson Bonham.
of the Ship Norfolk.

Sir

We received your Letter from Malacca dated the 8th. October and 4th. December last together with a List of Stores which being designed for Fort Marlbro' you say you were directed by the Company (if that settlement was lost) to leave with the Government at Malacca, these Orders it might have been right to follow could you have pursued your Voyage to China last year but when you found you was too late to do so, It would surely have been much better to have brought the Honble Companys Military Treasure and stores to this place (which would not have impeded your Passage this Season) than Loiter so many Months at Malacca, from whence too We shall now find it difficult to get away all the Stores for some time however should you be yet there so as to receive this Letter We strictly enjoin you to put on board the Leopard Snow the whole of the Treasure you may have belonging to Fort Marlbro' above what you may be obliged to expend there out for the Maintenance of our Companys Servants the Military and other Charges incedent to the Landing and care of them and the Stores, as much of which as the Leopard snow can take in she is ordered to embarque We have Wrote to the Governour of Malacca to assist therein and have ordered the three young Gentlemen there to attend and keep account of what is reshipped you likewise are to see to this Business and send your account thereof to us.

Pondicherry surrendered to Us the 15th. January, and We are now in possession of every French Settlement on this side India.

Fort St. George
22d. April 1761.

We are,
Your Affectionate Friends
George Pigot.
John Smith.
Chars. Bourchier.
Dawsonne Drake.
Richd. Fairfield.
Samuel Ardley.
Chas. Turner.

Nº. 11

To Captain Benjamin Godfrey
of the Ship Duke of Richmond.

Sir

We received your Letter from Malacca dated the 9th. October and 28th. November last together with a List of Stores which being designed for Fort Marlbro' you say you were directed by the Company (if that Settlement was lost) to leave with the Government at Malacca, these Orders it might have been right to follow could you have pursued your Voyage to China last year but when you found you was too late to do so, It would surely have been much better to have brought the Honble Companys Military, Treasure and Stores to this place (which would not have impeded your passage this Season) than Loiter so many Months at Malacca from whence too We shall now find it difficult to get away all the Stores for sometime, however should you be yet there so as to receive this Letter, We strictly enjoin you to put on Board the Leopard Snow the whole of the Treasure you may have belonging to Fort Marlbro' above what you may be obliged to expend thereout for the maintenance of our Companys Servants the Military and other Charges incident to the Landing and care of them and the Stores, as much of which as the Leopard Snow can take in she is order'd to embarque We have wrote the Governour of Malacca to assist therein and have ordered the three young Gentlemen thereto to attend and keep account of what is reshipped you likewise are to see to this Business and send your Account thereof to us.

Pondicherry surrendered to us the 15th. January and We are now in possession of every French Settlement on this side India.

Fort St. George
22d. April 1761.

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Your Affectionate Friends

George Pigot.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.
Dawsonne Drake.
Richd. Fairfield.
Samuel Ardley.
Charles Turner.

Nº. 12

To John Searle & Alexr. Frazer Esqrs.

Gentlemen

Your Letter of the 2d. January last was brought to us sometime ago but till now we have had no opportunity to acknowledge the same, It would have been very agreable to us if the Norfolk and Duke of Richmond (when the passage to China was found not attainable) had proceeded with their Bencoolen Cargoe to this Coast, from whence they might have gone in time for this season, however since it has been otherwise We dispatch the Leopard Snow to Malacca to fetch away all she can bring belonging to Fort Marlbro' and have wrote expressly to Captains Bonham and Godfrey to send us all the Treasure intended for the West Coast when they have defrayed the necessary Charges attending the Lodging of the Stores and supporting our People at Malacca should you be still there we doubt not your assistance in forwarding the Business the Money you have advanced to the Factors and Writers when returned to us will be carried to the Head of Fort Marlbro' Consignment We have addressed the Governour of Malacca to thank him for the Help you tell us he has given and have desired him to gratify the two Dutch Gentlemen

you recommend with ℔ 100 each for which as well as other expences the Government may be at on our Companys Account We have authorized them to draw Bills on this Presidency, on supposition only that you may be gone without leaving sufficient Cash to defray those Charges.

Pondicherry surrendered to us the 15th. January and We are now in possession of every French Settlement on this Side India.

Fort St. George
22d. April 1761.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Most Humble Servants
George Pigot.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.
Dawsonne Drake.
Richd. Fairfield.
Samuel Ardley.
Chas. Turner.

No. 13

To the Commander or Commanders
of any Ship or Ships bound this season for
Fort Marlbro' that may call at Malacca.

You are hereby ordered that in case of two ships being Consigned this year to Fort Marlbro' in the same manner the Norfolk and Duke of Richmond were the last to remove into one ship the whole China Consignment and into the other all that was sent out for Fort Marlbro' not excepting the Treasure on any Account and that ship so loaded with the Fort Marlbro' Stores must immediately proceed for this Coast together with the Military intended for the West Coast, But if there is only one ship bound for Bencoolen and China, you must disembark all that belongs to the West Coast, and put the same under the care of the Government of Malacca unless you are able to provide a safe conveyance to send them over to us provided you can pursue your Voyage to China this Season, but if you happen to be too late to gain your Passage you must without fail make the best of your way to this Port.

We have not had any Intelligence this year of the situation of the French Squadron, you must therefore make yourself the best acquainted you can where you may be in danger of meeting with them in order to avoid it;

Pondicherry surrendered to us the 15th. January & We are now in possession of every French Settlement on this side India.

Fort St. George
22d. April 1761.

We are
Your affectionate Friends,
George Pigot.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.
Dawsonne Drake.
Richd. Fairfield.
Samuel Ardley.
Chas. Turner.

No. 14.

To Mr. Alexander Barclay Commander of the Leopard Snow.

You are ordered to repair on board your Vessell when (Wind and Weather permitting) you are to go directly to Malacca where you are to dispose of the salt you have on board belonging to the Honble Company and pay the produce thereof in part of discharging any demand the Government there may have on our Company taking a receipt for the same, you are to deliver the several Letters now given you according to their Address leaving that directed to the Commanders of this Years shipping outward bound for Fort Marlbro' in charge of the Governour of Malacca, if you should not meet with them at that Port or before you reach it, you are to receive on board your snow at Malacca all such Treasure, Stores, and Military as you are able to put in her belonging to the Honble Company allowing some reasonable Room for the Consignments from Europe to the late Servants of the Company on the West Coast. All which will be shiped off to you by those who have Charge thereof and you are to give receipt for what you shall so receive, three of the Honble Companys Servants will embark on your Vessell at Malacca whom you are to accommodate with a Passage to this place, you may make enquiry (not deviating from your Voyage) for all the intelligence you can obtain concerning the present situation of the Companys Settlements on the West Coast of Sumatra, and of what you can learn about the French Ships, and so soon as the Loading of your Snow (which you must use all diligence in forwarding) is compleated, you are to return immediately back to Madras, We wish you a Good Voyage and are

Fort St. George
30th April 1761.

Sir,
Your Affectionate Friends
George Pigot.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.
Dawsonne Drake.
Richard Fairfield.
Samuel Ardley.
Chas. Turner.

List of the Packet enclosed in Captain Barclays Instructions.

Letter directed to David Boclen Esqr. Governour of Malacca.

One Directed to Captain Benjamin Godfrey of the Ship Duke of Richmond.

One directed to Captain Pinson Bonham of the Ship Norfolk.

One directed to John Searl and Alexander Frazer Esqrs. Supra Cargoes of the ships Norfolk and Duke of Richmond.

One directed to the Commander or Commanders of any Compys ship or ships Bound to Fort Marlbro' that may call at Malacca.

One directed to Messrs. Henry Russell William Albertson and Philip Manington.

Invoice of Salt laden on Board the Leopard Snow.

Fort St. George 30th April 1761.

No. 15.

To Mr. James Alexander
Chief of Masulipatam.

Sir

On Receipt hereof you will be pleased to send to Madras by Peons fifteen thousand Pagodas (15,000) of the Ballance remaining in your hands.

We are
Sir,
Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
25th. April 1761

George Pigot.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.
Dawsonne Drake.
Richard Fairfield.
Samuel Ardley.
Chas. Turner.

No. 16.

To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your Letters dated the 2d. 9th. and 20th. February.

The Leopard Snow has been hitherto employed in bringing up Stores from Pondicherry, and having reason to conclude from the large Quantity of Ophium we are informed has been carried to the West Coast that her intended Voyage thither would not Answer. We shall dispatch her to Malacca to bring away the stores left there last Year by the Norfolk and Duke of Richmond, and carry Intelligence for the Commanders of the Shipping from England that may be bound for Fort Marlbro' this season.

The Ophium having been landed here has been sold to some advantage.

The Oxford carried to China no less a sum than One hundred and Ninety two thousand (192,000) Dollars for which Bills were drawn by the Supra Cargoes on us, our want of Cash has obliged us to desire the Freighters and Concerned in the Manilha Voyage to take our Bonds for the Same. We have been obliged also to give Bonds for other sums of Money to enable us to defray the Expences we were at in Investing and Besieging Pondicherry so that we have now standing out against us Bonds to the amount of three Lacks of Pagodas. We are bare of Money in our Treasury, and the Nabob having paid us before hand great part of the Revenues of the Country, very little is coming from thence, and as our Expences are large We shall find our selves obliged to draw upon your Honour &cn. for such sums of Money as we are able to take up.

By this ship We draw on your Honour &c^{a}. Bills to the following amount payable at one months sight.

Setts.	To Whom payable.	Of Whom the value Recd.	A Rs.			Cor^{s}.	Rs.	
1	Henry Vansittart Esqr.	M^{r}. Danel Morse ..	64,505	13	7	69,666	5	—
1	M^{r}. Geo. Mackay or order.	Recd. of him ..	80,000	—	—	86,400	—	—
1	Capt. Ja^{s}. Den or order.	Recd. of him ..	24,500	—	—	26,460	—	—
1	Messrs. Ellis, Verels & Gray.	M^{r}. Robt. Kuct. ..	21,766	10	8	23,508	—	—
4		Setts amounting to ..	1,90,772	8	3	2,06,034	5	—

Having had occasion for a small Vessell and the ship Plassey being recommended to us a pretty Good Sailor M^{r}. Kuct the Supracargo has disposed of her to Us for the sum he acquaints Us the Cost at Bengal. We therefore draw upon you in favour of the Owners, Messrs. Ellis Verelst, and Gray for the same being Current Rupees twenty three thousand five hundred and Eight (23508).

Not having received the Invoices by the Ships Onslow and Prince Edward We beg they may be forwarded by the first Opportunity.

Inclosed is an Indent of Packing Stuff which We desire may be Complied with.

We are,
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most Obed^{t}. Servants,
GEORGE PIGOT.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^{s}. BOURCHIER.
DAWSONNE DRAKE.
RICHARD FAIRFIELD.
SAMUEL ARDLEY.
CHARLES TURNER.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
2^{D}. MAY 1761.

N°. 17.

To M^{R}. JAMES ALEXANDER
PROV^{L}. CHIEF OF MASULIPATAM.

SIR

M^{r}. Andrews now returns to resume his Station at Mazulipatam, you will therefore on his arrival deliver over to him the Charge of the Settlement.

We are
SIR
Your Affectionate Friends
GEORGE PIGOT.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^{s}. BOURCHIER.
DAWSONNE DRAKE.
RICHARD FAIRFIELD.
SAMUEL ARDLEY.
CHARLES TURNER.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
9TH. MAY 1761.

No. 18.

To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote to you under date the 2d. Instant and have since received p sloop Seahorse your Letter of the 30th. March. In Your Packet by the Snow Rawson we received the respective Invoices of the ships Onslow and Prince Edward.

We shall return the Seahorse to your Honour &ca. as soon as possible with a Loading of the Redwood.

The Earl Temple arrived here from Tellichery the 20th. Ultimo We purpose sending her to Europe also the ships Falmouth, Prince Edward, and Admiral Watson as soon as possible with as many of the French Companys Servants and Officers as they can accomodate We are the more Glad that so favourable an Opportunity offers of employing them as We have neither a sufficient Investment to give them Cargoes for Europe nor Cash to send them to China.

We pointed out to your Honour &ca. in our last the Causes that had straitned us so much in the Article of Money. This Circumstance induced us to grant Bills on your Presidency to the amount of about two lacks of Rupees and We now draw further on your &ca. for the following:—

Setts.	To whom payable.	Of whom the Value recd.	ARs.			CRs.		
1	Capt. Hugh Bailie ..	Mr. Mathew Clarke.	21,000	—	—	22,680	—	—
1	Philip Milner Dacre Esqr.	Messrs. Turner & Clarke.	3,969	—	—	4,286	8	4
1	Mr. William Magee ..	Messrs. Aldersey & Palmer.	5,145	2	10	5,556	9	7
1	Mr. Ascanius Willm. Senior.	Messrs. Davidson & Palmer.	6,533	7	8	7,056	2	6
1	Mr. Randolph Marriot.	Messrs. Davidson & Palmer.	3,652	3	6	3,944	6	4
1	Sooberam Bysaac ..	Messrs. Davidson & Palmer.	4,632	1	4	5,002	10	4
1	Mr. William Steers ..	Mr. Chas. Turner ..	1,148	—	—	1,239	13	5
1	Messrs. Willm. Brightwell Summer & Culling Smith.	Mr. Chas. Smith ..	7,000	—	—	7,560	—	—
1	Mr. Culling Smith ..	Mr. Chas. Smith ..	10,500	—	—	11,340	—	—
9		Setts Amounting to CRs. ..	63,579	15	4	68,666	2	6

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedt. Humble Servants

Fort St. George
13th. May 1761.

George Pigot.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.
Dawsonne Drake.
Richd. Fairfield.
Samuel Ardley.

No. 19.

To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This serves to Cover Duplicate of our last dated the 13th. since which we have granted Bills on your Honour &ca. of this date for the following sums recd. into Cash here.

Setts.	To whom payable.	Of whom the value recd.	ARs.			CRs.		
1	Mr. Willm. Bodle ..	Mr. Chas. Bourchier.	21,000	—	—	22,680	—	—
1	Capt. Colin Campbell..	Received of him ..	26,600	—	—	28,728	—	—
1	Capt. Willm. Sutherland.	Mr. Andrew Ross.	2,194	—	—	2,369	8	3
1	Mr. George Boswall ..	Mr. Andrew Ross ..	4,331	11	6	4,678	4	1
4		Setts amounting to ..	54,125	11	6	58,455	12	4

Fort St. George
19th. May 1761.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedt. Humble Servants
George Pigot.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.
Dawsonne Drake.
Richd. Fairfield.
Samuel Ardley.
Chas. Turner.

No. 20.

To Thomas Hodges Esqr.
Chief &ca. Council at
Tellichery.

Gentlemen

We have received your letters of the 22d. & 25th. February the former by the Earl Temple and Fattee Salam which ships Imported at Pondichery the 1st. Ultimo.

We are,
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends
George Pigot &ca. Council.

Fort St. George
19th. May 1761.

No. 21.

To the Honble Charles Crommelin Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We are to acknowledge your Letters under date the 18th. January and 11th. March the former received by the Earl Temple and Fattee Salam which ships Imported at Pondichery the 1st. Ultimo.

The Prisoners of War which We have had on the Coast were dieted by the French when We could get them to advance Money, but upon failure of that we have found ourselves obliged to defray the Expence out of the Companys Cash and since the Reduction of Pondicherry such Prisoners as are not permitted to depart from the Coast We think We are obliged to maintain Officers as well as Men. The Expence is very large at present but We believe the French Nation must repay it, Inclosed you have an Account of the Several allowances we make to the officers and men here.

When they are Embarked for Europe We allow the Captain £30 – – for the Passage of the Officers the servants and Private Soldiers are sent on board as Charter party Passengers.

We enclose Copy of His Majesty's Letters Patent regarding the Distribution of the Plunder and Booty taken in the East Indies which have been our principal Guide in the Captures made on the Coast however many difficulties have arose in our conferrences on this subject with the Commanders of his Majestys Forces which can only be finally adjusted in Europe.

Since the departure of the Lord Mansfield & Sandwich for your Coast We have received from the President and Council at Fort William two Protests of the Pilots of those ships against the Commanders Captain Macleod and Captain Quick, which we enclose and beg you will be pleased to make the necessary enquiry into their conduct and acquaint our Honble Masters what they have to alledge in their defence as Copies of the Protests will be transmitted to Europe from Bengal.

Fort St. George
20th. May 1761.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedt. Humble Servants
George Pigot.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.
Dawsonne Drake.
Richd. Fairfield.
Samuel Ardley.
Charles Turner.

No. 22.

To Christian Van Teylengen Esqr.
Chief &ca. Council at Puliacat.

Gentlemen

We have before us your Letter dated the 19th. April, and cannot help remarking that the imputation you lay on us of Ingratitude for not answering the Bill of Exchange drawn upon us by Messrs. Wyatt and Hall for Dollars 2800 seems to be very ill placed after our having acquainted you with the

Circumstance that Guided our Determination. The same reason still Subsists and We must therefore again refer you to those Gentlemen for reimbursing the sum they have thus drawn upon our Company without any manner of Authority.

Fort St. George
20th. May 1761.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient Servants
George Pigot
&c^a. Council.

No. 23.

To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esqr.
President & Governour &c^a. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have wrote to you under date the 2d. 13th. and 19th. Instant.

We now return the sloop Sea Horse with 70 C. 13 MD. 21 LB. of Redwood as Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed the Master tells us this is all she can take in.

We enclose our Account Current with your Presidency as Extracted from the General Books Letters ending 30th. April 1761. Not having received your Account Current with our Presidency for the last Year we could not make any Adjustments for that time. We therefore beg you will be pleased to send the same with that for the present year by the first Opportunity.

Fort St. George
24th. May 1761.

We are,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedt. Servants
George Pigot.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.
Dawsonne Drake.
Richard Fairfield.
Samuel Ardley.
Charles Turner.

No. 24.

To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esqr.
President & Governour &c^a. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote to you a short Letter dated the 24th. of May by this sloop the Seahorse which was to have sail'd that day, but a ship appearing in sight before the Captain had received his Dispatches, which We imagined might be from Europe We detain'd him and have the pleasure to acquaint you that it proved to be the Hawke Captain Kent bound to Coast and Bay left England the 17th. January. We shall use all Expedition in landing the Consignments she has on board for this place and dispatch her to you as soon as possible.

Our Honble Masters having mentioned in their General Letter by the Hawke that the Coast & Bay ships of this season will not have any Iron Kintledge on which Account a larger proportion of Salt Petre will be wanted for the returning ships We are to request you will supply us with this Article as plentifully as you can by the earliest Opportunities.

Three Cadets for your Presidency Messrs. James Kelly, Edward Ferrar and Joseph Thompson came in the Hawke. The two former proceed in this sloop, Mr. Thomson being desirous of remaining here Mr. Thomas Bonaker appointed for this Establishment goes in his Room.

It is with concern we relate to your Honour &ca. the News received by the Hawke of the Death of His Majestys King George the Second on the 25th. October. The Prince of Wales now his present Majesty was proclami'd the day following

We forward on this sloop the Packet, for your Presidency by the Hawke and are

Fort St. George
1st. June 1761.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedt. Hble Servants

George Pigot.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.
Dawsonne Drake.
Richd. Fairfield.
Samuel Ardley.
Charles Turner.

To Captain Peter Dickson
of the Sloop Sea Horse

Sir

You are hereby directed to repair on board your Sloop and make the best of your way to the Port of Calcutta in Bengal where on your Arrival you are to deliver the undermentioned Packets to the President and Council whose Orders you are to follow for your further proceedings Dated in Fort St. George the 1st. June 1761.

One Box Packet received p Ship Hawke directed to the President and Council for all the Forces and Affairs of the English Nation at Fort William in Bengal.

One Letter Packet directed to the President and Council of Fort William.

No. 25.

To the Honble Charles Crommelin Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your Letters dated the 30th. April and 8 May. The advices contained in the latter We have received by the Honble Companys ship Hawke which imported here the 24th. Ultimo. We now transmit to your Honor &ca. the Packets received by that ship for your Presidency and Admiral Steevens.

Enclosed is a full statement of all allowances granted to the Military on the Coast both in Garrison and in the field, with an Extract from the Minutes of our Consultation on the Occasion of the Gratuity allowed to the Kings Troops which We hope will perfectly satisfy your Enquiries on this Head.

With regard to the Rank of the Swiss Officers since that Crops has been incorporated with the English Troops as the Swiss Companys had their particular priviledges by virtue of an Agreement or Capitulation with the Company afterwards set aside by another Agreement by which they were thenceforward to be upon the English Establishment all advantages and disadvantages which accrued to them by virtue of the Capitulation were to remain in the Condition they were at the time that Capitulation was revoked therefore all preferments made to that time were certainly valid and the Swiss Officers had a Right to be incorporated on the English Establishment according to the Ranks they bore at the time of their Incorporation. The same difficulties you point out arose here with us but We were in general guided by the above Rule.

The Commanders of the Salisbury Patty and Britannia were duly paid here for bringing round last Year the Detachment of His Majestys Artillery from your side India The Officer at the rate of three Rupees ₹ day each, the Private Men at 6 fanams.

When the French Officers Prisoners were embarked on board the Sandwich and Lord Mansfield at Pondichery in February last List of them were transmitted to the Chief and Council of Tellicherry as they were not forwarded to your honour &c^{a}. from thence We enclose other Copies.

Since writing the foregoing We have received your Letters of the 13th. and 20th. April by the Triton which imported here the 8th. Instant.

In your Letter of the 20th. April you acquaint us of your having sent the Neptune to Tellicherry to take on board a quantity of Pepper and sandal in part of her Cargo for China and recommend to us to send thither a sum sufficient to compleat her Stock to £30,000 The Gentlemen at Tellicherry write us that she proceeded on her Voyage the 15th. May Rupees (52723 1 82) short of her stock We are concerned to acquaint you that it is utterly out of our Power to add any Money to the stock of the Neptune or Triton as the immense Expences We have unavoidably incurred during and since the siege of Pondichery have left our Treasury entirely bare We shall therefore be obliged to dispatch the Triton on her Voyage to China with a small Quantity of Redwood which is all We can do in our present circumstances.

Fort S^{t}. George
11th. June 1761

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obed^{t}. hble Servants

George Pigot.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.
Dawsonne Drake.
Rich^{d}. Fairfield.
Samuel Ardley.
Charles Turner.

List of the Packet to the President and Council of Bombay

No. 1 General Letter dated 11th. June 1761
2 Duplicate General Letter dated 20th. May 1761.
3 Account of Pay to the Military in his Majesty's and the Companys Service with Extract from the Minutes of Consultation relative thereto dated the 22^{d}. November 1758.
4 Account of Batta to his Majestys & the Companys Troops in ye. Field.
5 List of French Officers embarked on Board the Lord Mansfield and Sandwich for Tellicherry in February 1761.

6 Statement of the Allowances made to the French Officers and others on Parole.

7 Copy of his Majestys Letters Patent bearing date at Westminister the 14th. day of January 1758.

8 Packet from the Court of Directors received ℘ Hawke.

9 Packet directed to Admiral Steevens.

WM. ALDERSEY
Secry.

FORT ST. GEORGE
JUNE 11TH. 1761.

No. 26.

TO THE HONBLE HENRY VANSITTART ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We wrote your Honour &ca. by the Sea horse Sloop two letters dated the 24th. aMy and 1st. Instant of which Duplicates are enclosed.

By this Opportunity We have drawn on your Honour &ca. the following Bills.

Setts.	To whom payable.	Of whom the value recd.	Arcot Rs.			Current Rs.		
1	Captn. Hugh Bailie ..	Mr. Matthew Clarke.	10,500	—	—	11,340	—	—
1	Josias Dupre	of himself	1,09,348	14	5	1,18.096	13	—
1	Mr. Lewen Smith ..	of himself	16,285	1	—	17,587	13	10
3	Setts amounting to CRs. ..		1,36,133	15	5	1,47,024	10	10

FORT ST. GEORGE
16TH. JUNE 1761.

We are,
HONBLE SIR & SIRS,
Your most Obedt. Servants,
GEORGE PIGOT. &CA. COUNCIL.

No. 27.

TO MESSRS. HENRY PALMER, SAMUEL BLOUNT, GEORGE MANDEVIL,
HILLARY TORRIANO, NATHANIEL GARLAND,
WILLIAM MACKENZIE, FRANCIS KINERSLY,
FRANCIS WOOD, THOMAS SANDYS, THOMAS SMITH,
WILLIAM ROUS AND ROBERT WHITE SUPRACARGOES
OF COUNCIL AT CANTON.

GENTLEMEN

The Voyage of Our Honble Masters ships the Triton to China the last Year having been defeated by the report that prevali'd of the Enemy's ships in the streights of Sundah at the time of her Arrival there in June the Captain was induced to bear away for the Bay as We advised in the Postcript [*sic*] of our Letter to the Supracargoes at Canton dated the 28th. August she was sent from thence to Bombay and having there received on board four

hundred Bales of Cotton for the China Market was dispatched to Tellicherry to take in Pepper and Sandal and then proceed hithr, She arrived here the 8th. Instant and now receives her final Dispatches agreeable to her Original Destination.

The Honble Companys ship Neptune having been dispatched from Bombay to Tellicherry. The Chief and Council there advise us that she sailed from thence for China the 15th. May Rupees 152 723 1 82 short of her stock, which was proposed to have been compleated to the amount of £ 40,000. The Gentlemen at Bombay had hopes that We should make up the deficiency from hence we regret very much that the means are not in our Power and so far are We from being able to spare any Treasure that We have been reduced to the greatest necessities for our own Occasions The utmost We can at present contribute to the stock of the Neptune or the Triton is a small Quantity of Redwood which comes now consign'd to you together with the abovementioned Cotton agreeable to Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed.

Our Honble Masters ship Hawke from England for Coast and Bay imported here the 24th. May We enclose Extract of their General Advices shewing the Consignments intended for the China Market by the Ships of this Season also a List of the ships taken up for the present Year.

Besides the ships named in the abovementioned List our Honble Masters acquaint us that their own ship the Royal George Captain Nicholas Skottowe proceeds to China directly on a particular service and is then design'd for Fort St. George with a Cargo to be sold here We therefore transmit a Price Current of China Goods at Madras for your Guidance but We must at the same time remark that the prices are very liable to fluctuation.

In order to disburthen ourselves as fast as possible of the great number of French Prisoners who have fallen into our hands by the Reduction of Pondichery, we have determin'd as a Point that nearly concerns the Interest of the Company to send them to Europe by every means in our power. In pursuance of this Plan forty French Officers now embark on board the Triton according to a List enclosed and we learn to you to divide them on the ships to Europe in such proportions as you shall see proper. The Captain has received £ 10 for each to furnish them with Fresh Provisions in their passage to China where they must be subsisted at the Companys expence untill they proceed for England when we presume you will satisfie the Captains of the ships for their accomodation thither.

We are concern'd to learn by advices from Batavia dated in December that the Warwick & Carnaervon which had been dispatched from hence in August in company with the Princess Augusta had in vain endeavour'd to gain the Streights of Bally and were obliged to put into Batavia. The Warwick having lost her main Top mast and Top Gallant mast by Lightning Those Damages being repair'd they expected to leave the Place the 28th. December. The Princess Augusta parted from them the 8th. of October and not having heard of her since We have saved her Passage.

Fort St. George
2p. July 1761

We are

Gentlemen

Your Most Obedt. Humble Servants

George Pigot &Ca. Council.

List of the Packet to the Supracargoes of Council at Canton ℔ Triton.

No. 1 General Letter Dated 2 July 1761.
2 Extract from the General Letter from the Honble Court of Directors to the President & Council of Fort St. George ℔ Ship Hawke.
3 Price Current of China Goods at Madras.
4 List of French Prisoners embark'd on Board the Triton.
5 Invoice and Bill of Lading ℔ Triton.

Fort St. George
2d. July 1761.

Wm. Aldersey
Secy.

To Captain Charles Barcklay
of the Ship Triton.

Sir

You are hereby Order'd to repair on board your ship and make the best of your way to the river of Canton, where on your arrival you will deliver the accompanying Packet to the Supracargoes of Council, whose Orders you are to follow for your further Proceedings. Dated in Fort St. George the 2d. day of July 1761.

George Pigot &ca. Council.

No. 28.

To the Honble Charles Crommelin Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote to you last in Duplicate under date the 11th. of June and are since favour'd with yours of the 9th. of that Month.

The Cloth and Perpets for Military Cloathing are always issued from our Warehouse at the Invoice Price.

The Baron Vasserot has since that departure of the squadron been detained here by our President for particular service. He will without fail proceed to your Coast by the first Opportunity.

Agreeable to what We wrote to you in our Letter of the 11th. of last Month The Triton was dispatched for China the 2d. Instant and carryed forty one of the French on Parole in order to be conveyed to Europe from thence.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedient Servants.
[*Lacuna*]

Fort St. George
9th. July 1761.

No. 29.

To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our Honble Masters ship Hawke having deliver'd her Consignments for this Place We now dispatch her to you Having been obliged to employ all the Redwood we have on hand for the ships Prince Edward and Falmouth under dispatch for Europe We find it impossible to send you a supply by this conveyance, but We shall not fail to send you as much as we can procure by the next.

Since our last dated 16 Ulto. of which Duplicate accompanies this We have receiv'd your Letter of the 1st. June Ours of the 2d. May will shew the necessity we have been under of making Drafts upon your Treasury you may be assured We shall continue to do so no longer than whilst that necessity exists and we cannot but acknowledge how far We are obliged to your Honour &ca. for the readiness you have shewn to assist us on this pressing Occasion.

The maintaining so large a number of French Prisoners since the Reduction of Pondicherry has bore a very considerable share in our disbursements we are employing every means in our Power to relieve ourselves of this Burthen as you will be more particularly informed from the Secret Department.

The Bills we now draw on your Honour &ca. are as follows:—

Setts.	To whom payable.	Of whom the value recd.	ARs.			CRs.		
1	Henry Vanstittart Esqr.	John Smith Esqr...	54723	3	10	59101	1	7
1	Stanlake Batson Esqr.	John Smith Esqr...	45261	1	8	48881	15	10
2	Setts amounting to	AR.s ..	99984	5	6	107983	1	5

The ship Trichenopoly having been fitted out by some of the principal Inhabitants of this Place in May last on a Voyage to Manilha with a considerable Cargo, and afterwards render'd incapable of proceeding, by springing a Leak in her passage, which obliged her to put into Masulipatam, The Owners benig at a Loss for a fit Vessell to execute the purposes of the Voyage made Application to Us to let out our Honble Masters Ship the Admiral Watson to them at Freight for that Service which We have accordingly done.

You will observe by our Honble Masters Packet for your Presidency by the Hawke which We forwarded by the Tarter sloop that We are under the same disappointment this Year as we were the last for a Madeira ship which will distress us exceedingly in that Article.

The Triton arrived here the 8th. of last Month from Tellicherry and was dispatched the 2d. Instant for China greatly deficient in her Stock as we were unable to yield any further assistance than a small Consignment of Redwood.

Fort St. George
9th. July 1761.

We are,
Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your most obedient Servants
George Pigot &ca. Council.

List of the Packet to Fort William p Ship Hawke.

N°. 1 General Letter Dated 9th. July 1761.
2 Ditto Duplicate d°. 16th. June 1761.
3 Copy of the Hawkes Charter party.
4 Copy Captain Kents Commission to seize unlicensed Persons.
5 Manifest of Goods Merchandize &c^a. Licenced by the Committee of shipping Laden on the Hawke.
6 Copy of the Hawkes Wictualling [*sic*] Bill.
7 Manifest of Private Trade Landed at Fort S^t. George by the Captn. and Officers of Ship Hawke.
8 Copy Captain Kents sailing Orders.

William Aldersey
Secretary.

Fort S^t. George
July 9th. 1761.

To Captain George Kent
of the Ship Hawke.

Sir

You are hereby Ordered to repair on board your ship and make the best of your way to the River of Bengall and proceed as far as Rogues River from whence you are to forward your Packets to the President and Council of Fort William and on no Account to carry your ship higher up without their particular Directions. We wish you a good Voyage. And Date this in Fort S^t. George this 9th. day of July 1761.

George Pigot &c^a. Council.

N°. 30.

To the Honble Charles Crommelin Esqr.
President & Governour &c^a. Council
at Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since Closing our Letter of the 9th. His Majesty's Frigate the Seaford has imported. She left England the 30th. January with an Express to the Admiral but has brought no Letter from the Company, so that We are entirely unacquainted with the purpose of her Sudden Dispatch.

Fort S^t. George
12th. July 1761.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedient Servants
George Pigot &c^a. Council.

N°. 31.

To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esqr.
President & Governour &c^a. Council
at Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since our Last dated the 10th. Instant we have received your Letter of the 5th. Ultimo enclosing one for the Honble Court of Directors which shall be forwarded by the first Opportunity. His Majestys Frigate the Seaford

imported here the 12th. Instant She left England the 30th. January with an Express to the Admiral, but has brought no Letter for the Company, so that We are entirely unacquainted with the purpose of her Dispatch.

Fort St. George
14th. July 1761.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedient Servts.
George Pigot &ca. Council.

No. 32.

To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our Honble Masters ship Hawke sail'd for your Presidency the 10th. with our Letter of that date We have since wrote to you a short Letter of the 14th. advising of the arrival of the Seaford Frigate.

Commadore Teddiman with his Majesty's Ships the Elizabeth, America, Chatam, and Falmouth from Bombay imported the 20th. Instant.

We have the pleasure to acquaint you that our Honble Masters ship Pitt anchored in the Road the 23d. Inst. she left England the middle of March but brings no further advices than those received by the Hawke.

By this Opportunity We draw on your Honour &ca. the following Bills.

Setts.	To whom payable.	Of whom value recd.	ARs.	CRs.
1	Capt. David Blake ..	Mr. Chas. Bourchier.	11060 14 10	11945 12 —
1	Robert Gregory Esqr.	Messrs. Dawsonne & Sadlier.	7000 — —	7560 — —
2	Setts amounting to	ARs. ..	18060 14 10	19505 12 —

We should have before mentioned that Mr. Dupré will consent to take an Interest Bond from your Honour &ca. for the amount of the Bill drawn upon you in his favour for Current Rupees 118096 13 dated the 16th. June if it should not suit your Convenience to pay it immediately and that Mr. Smith is willing to take Bills on the Court of Directors for the amount of our Bill payable to Mr. Vansittart for CRs. 59101 1 7 mentioned in our Letter of the 10th.

Fort St. George
26th. July 1761.

We are,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedt. Hble Servants
George Pigot &ca. Council.

P.S. We enclose a Packet from our Honble Masters for your Presidency received by the Pitt.

No. 33.

To the Honble Charles Crommelin Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Commodore Teddiman with the Majestys ship the Elizabeth, America, Chatham and Falmouth imported here the 20th. Instant and brought us your Letter of the 25th. June.

We have the pleasure to acquaint you that our Honble Masters ship Pitt arrived the 23d. Instant, she left England the Middle of March but brings no further Advices than those received by the Hawke.

His Majestys Ship the Seahorse came in yesterday. She left England the 4th. of February being sent out by the Government with the Astronomers to make the observation of the Transit of Venus over the Sun They landed at the Cape of Good Hope from whence We have a Confirmation of the Advices receiv'd lately by a Dutch ship from thence that five of the French ships had been there to take in Provisions, and that they were much Distressed at the Islands for that Article.

Fort St. George
30th. July 1761.

We are,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedt. Humble Servants
George Pigot &ca. Council.

P.S.—Enclosed is a Packet from our Honble Masters for your Presidency recd ₹ Pitt.

No. 34.

To John Andrews Esqr.
Chief of Masulipatam.

Sir

We have received your Letters of the 12th. & 22d. Instant with the Accounts and Books of your Settlement.

As you represent that the Renter Meerseed Hussein is rendered incapable of attending to the Management of Nezampatam, and is desirous of resigning it We approve of your delivering over the Charge of that District to Meer Bawker the Renter of Divee on the same Conditions as Meerseed held it.

With regard to the Duties upon Merchandize imported at Masulipatam from Bengal we would have them continued in the same manner as was practised in the time of the French.

We have given Orders for your Indent of the Medicines to be immediately complied with.

As it is your desire to be relieved in the charge you now hold that you may settle your affairs and prepare for your return to Europe you will please to deliver over the Charge of Masulipm. Factory to Mr. James Alexander as soon as it may be agreeable to you.

Fort St. George
31st. July 1761.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
George Pigot &ca. Council

No. 35.

To James Alexander

Sir

Mr. Andrews having wrote to us requesting that he may have leave to resign the Charge of Masulipatam We have complied with his desire, and have orderd him to deliver over the direction thereof to you, you will therefore receive the same under your Charge whenever it shall be agreeable to Mr. Andrews to resign it, and take for the Rule of your Conduct the Orders which from time to time have been sent to him untill we shall appoint a new Chief.

We are
Fort St. George Sir
31st. July 1761. Your Affectionate Friends
George Pigot &ca. Council.

No. 36.

To Messrs. Henry Palmer, Samuel Blount, George Mandevil,
Hillary Torriano, Nathaniel Garland, Wm. Makenzie,
Francis Keneirly, Francis Wood, Thos. Sandys,
Thos. Smith, Wm. Rous & Robt. White, Supracargoes of
Council at Canton.

Gentlemen

We wrote to you under date the 2d. of July by our Honble Masters ship Triton of which Duplicate is enclosed.

The Pitt imported here the 23d. Ulto. and having landed her Consignments for this Place we now dispatch her to you with a further Quantity of Redwood as ℘ Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed which is all we can furnish towards her China Stock. Enclosed is a Packet recd by this ship from our Honble Masters under your address.

We acquainted you in our Letter by the Triton that Forty French Prisoners were embarked on that ship in order to proceed to Europe by the way of Canton. Forty more embarked on this Ship which you will be pleased to dispose of in the same manner on board your ships homeward bound. The Captain has received £10 for each to furnish them with Fresh provisions in their Passage to China.

Since the departure of the Triton His Majestys ships the Seaford and Sea Horse from England have arrived here They bring no later advices than those received by the Pitt.

Enclosed is an account of Damage and short Delivery of the Cargo consigned to Us from England by the Pitt which we request may be forwarded in your Packet home other Papers as usual wait on you as particularized in the List of the Packet.

We are,
Fort St. George Gentlemen
16th Augt. 1761. Your Most Obedt. Humble Servants
George Pigot &ca. Council.

List of the Packet to the Supracargoes of Council at Canton Pr. Pitt.

No. 1 General Letter . . . Dated 15th. August 1761.
2 Duplicate General Letter . . . Dated 2d. July 1761.
3 Extract from the General Letter from the Honble Court of Directors to the Presdt. and Council of Fort St. George p ship Hawke.
4 Price Current of China Goods at Madras.
5 Copy of the Company's Instructions to Captain Jackson.
6 Copy of the Pitts Charter Party.
7 Copy of Captain Jacksons Commission to seize unlicensed Persons.
8 Manifest of Goods & Merchandize licensed to be shipped on board the Pitt for Fort St. George and China.
9 Account of Private Trade Landed at Fort St. George by the Captn. & Officers of Ship Pitt.
10 Copy of the Pitts Victualling Bill.
11 Packet directed to the Supracargoes of Council at Canton recd p Pitt.
12 Account of Damage & short delivery of the Pitts Cargo to Fort St. George.
13 Owners of the Ship Triton their account Current with the Honble Compy and an account of short delivery of the said ships Cargo from Bombay and Tellicherry.
(The two last Papers to be forwarded to England on the respective ships).
14 Invoice and Bill of Lading p Pitt.
15 Abstract of the Tritons Invoice to Canton.
16 Second Bill of Lading of do. to Canton.
17 List of French Prisoners embarked on Board the Pitt.
18 Copy of Captain Jacksons sailing Orders.

Fort St. George 16th. Augt. 1761.

Willm. Aldersey
Secretv.

No. 37.

To Captain Joseph Jackson
of the Ship Pitt.

Sir

You are hereby directed to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way to the River to Canton where on your arrival you will deliver the Accompanying Packet to the Supracargoes of Council whose Orders you are to follow for your further Proceedings.

Dated in Fort St. George the 16th. August 1761.

George Pigot
&ca. Council.

No. 38.

To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The President and Council of Bombay having sent round the Syren Snow to the Coast this season and desired in case her services were not wanted here that she might proceed to the Bay in order to be employed as a Pilot Vessel, we now dispatch her to you in consequence.

We have received your several Letters dated 15th. 29th. June and 8th. July and as you represent that the Drafts We have had occasion to make on you bears hard on your Treasury at the present Juncture We shall take care not to grant any hereafter unless the Proprietors consent to take Bonds in lieu of them or Bills on the Court of Directors on which Terms those mentioned in the subsequent part of this Letter are Granted.

Agreeable to your desire we have caused several Printed Copys to be made of your Proclamation of His present Majesty King George the Third and now enclose three Dozen of them.

We also send to you by this Opportunity three Pair of Stamps for Arcot Rupees which We hope will answer your Occasions. Our Endeavours have not been wanting to furnish you at the same time with some Coiners. But we have not been able to prevail on any to go to the Bay.

Whenever we may have it in our Power to take Measures for Resettling the West Coast We shall not fail to advise you. In the meantime we desire you will send hither the Artificers who are arrived with you from thence.

Our Honble Masters ship Plassey having passed this Port arrived at Vizagapatam the 6th. Instant. She left England the 1st. of April in company with the Fox, Earl of Holdernesse and Warren and parted from them the 15th. of May to the Westward of the Cape. As the Chief of Vizagapatam has advised us he should dispatch the Plassey to the Bay from thence she will probably arrive with you before this. It is with the highest concern we learn that the Ajax was taken in the Channel and carried into Brest towards the End of March.

The Pitt received her dispatch for China the 16th. Instant.

The Bills we now draw on your Honour &ca. on the Terms mentioned in the former part of this Letter are as follows:—

Setts.	To whom payable.	Of whom value reed.	ARS.			CRs.		
1	George Mackay Esqr. ..	Of himself ..	42000	—	—	45360	—	—
1	John Smith Esqr. ..	Of himself ..	15893	8	—	17164	15	8
1	Capt. Richd. Sherlock ..	Of Mr. Abraham Brown ..	11550	—	—	12474	—	—
1	Captn. Grant Scot ..	Of Mr. Abraham Brown ..	3500	—	—	3780	—	—
4	Setts amounting to ARS. ..		72943	8	—	78778	15	8

We enclose a Packet from our Honble Masters for your Presidency received by the Sea Horse under cover to the Governour and Council of Fort Marlbro'.

We are,

Fort St. George
21st. Augt. 1761.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedt. Humble Servants
George Pigot.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.
Dawsonne Drake.
Richard Fairfield.
Samuel Ardley.
Charles Turner.

List of the Packet to Bengal ℔ Snow Syren.

N°. 1 General Letter dated 21st. August 1761.
2 Copy of the ship Plassey's Charter Party.
3 Copy of Captain Ward's Commission to seize unlicensed Persons.
4 Manifest of Goods and Merchandize licensed to be shipped on board the Plassey for Coast and Bay.
5 Copy of the Plassey's Victualling Bill.
6 Packet from the Honble Court of Directors received by the Seahorse.
7 Three Dozen of Printed Proclamations (in a Separate Parcel).
8 Copy of Captain Crichtons Dispatch.

Fort St. George 23d. August 1761

Wm. Aldersey
Secry.

N°. 39.

To Captain David Crichton
of the Snow Syren.

Sir

You are hereby directed to repair on board and make the best of your way to the Port of Calcutta in Bengal, where on your arrival you are to deliver the Accompanying Packet to the President and Council, whose Orders you are to follow for your further Proceedings.

Dated in Fort St. George the 22d. August 1761.

George Pigot &ca. Council.

N°. 40.

To Thomas Heath Esqr.
Chief of Vizagapatam.

Sir

We duely received your Letters under date the 6th. and 8th. Instant, advising of the Arrival of the Plassey at Vizagapatam, with the Packets for this Presidency by that ship.

We are,
Sir,
Your Affectionate Friends
George Pigot &ca. Council.

Fort St. George
25th. August 1761.

N°. 41.

To John Andrews Esqr.
Chief of Mazulipatam.

Sir

We have received Your Letter dated the 6th. Instant enclosing the Accounts for July.

You will be pleased to send to us with all Expedition by Peons twenty five thousand Pagodas (25000) of the Ballance remaining in your hands.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
George Pigot &ca. Council

Fort St. George
25th. August 1761

No. 42.

To Thomas Hodges Esqr.

Chief &c^a^. Council at Tellicherry.

Gentlemen

We received by the Triton the 8th. June your Letter dated the 20th. May she proceeded on her Voyage to China the 2^d^. of last Month.

The Honble Company's ship Hawke from England imported here the 24th. of May, and is since sailed for the Bay, The Pitt for China arrived the 23^d^. June and received her dispatches for China also, the 16th. Instant.

The Plassey for Coast and Bay fell in at Vizagapatam the 6th. Instant she left England the 1st. April in Company with the Fox, Warren, and Earl of Holderness and parted from them the 15th. of May to the Westward of the Cape.

The Account of Hospital charges presented to you by M^r^. Arthur for attending the sick of the 89th. Regim^t^. at Tellicherry and which you referred to us, having been compared with the Extraordinary Charges incurred here, We enclose to you copy of our Paymaster's Remarks thereupon.

Fort St. George
25th. August 1761.

We are,
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends
George Pigot &c^a^. Council.

No. 43.

To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esqr.
President and Governour &c^a^. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote under date the 21st. by the Snow Syren of which Duplicate is enclosed.

This comes to you by the Fattee Salam which ship having been Freighted at Bombay upon the Companys Account arrived here in April, and has been since employed on the Coast. We desire you will be pleased to return her immediately with a supply of Salt petre' that she may proceed to Bombay early in the Season, if We should not have further Occasion for her Services.

If Captain Symmonds should apply to you for any money on account of the ship, We desire you will be pleased to advance him as you may see necessary, acquainting us with the Amount that We may advise the Gentlemen at Bombay.

As We found it necessary to change the Destination of the Leopard Snow intended by you for the West Coast, We landed a Bale of Broad Cloth Fine Yellow, containing five Pieces, and one Bundle containing five Pieces of fine Dacca Doreas for which We shall credit your Presidency, as soon as you are pleased to transmit us an Invoice thereof, which we beg may be by the first Opportunity.

Inclosed is Invoice and Bill of Lading for Redwood Consign'd to you by this ship including also some Iron Guns & Shott put on board. The Prices of which are not set down.

We are.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Most Obedient Humble Servants

George Pigot &c^{a}. Council.

Fort S^{t}. George
25th. August 1761.

List of the Packet to Bengal ℔ Fattee Salam.

No. 1 General Letter Dated 25th. Augt. 1761.
2 Duplicate General Letter Dated 21 August 1761.
3 Invoice & Bills of Lading ℔ Fattee Salam.
4 Copy of Captain Symmonds his sailing Orders.

Willm. Aldersey
Sec^{ry}.

Fort S^{t}. George
25th. August 1761.

No. 44.

To Captain David Symmonds
of the Ship Fattee Salam.

Sir

You are hereby Directed to repair on board and make the best of your way to the Port of Calcutta in Bengal, where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the President and Council whose Orders you are to follow for your future Proceedings.

Dated in Fort S^{t}. George the 25th. August 1761

George Pigot &c. Council.

No. 45.

To the Honble Charles Crommelin Esqr.
President & Governour &c^{a}. Council at
Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote to you under date the 30th. July, Duplicate of which is enclosed.

Our Honble Masters ship Plassey, having pass'd this Port arrived at Vizagapatam the 6th. of last Month. She left England the 1st. of April in Company with the Fox, Earl of Holdernesse and Warren—all for the Coast and Bay, and parted from them the 15th. of May to the Westward of the Cape. We are therefore in hourly Expectations of their arrival. It is with great Concern we learn by a Letter from Mr. Secretary James under date the 27th. of March that the Ajax was taken by a French Man of War and carried into Brest about the beginning of that Month.

The Pitt received her Dispatches for China the 16th. Ultimo.

The Syren Snow was dispatched to the Bay in last month having no particular Employment for her on the Coast at present. We have also sent the Fattee Salam thither and desired the Gentlemen there to return her immediately with a supply of Salt Petre that she may proceed early in the season to your Coast if we should not have further Occasion for her Services.

We have your Letter of the 9th. Ultimo and shall reply fully to your several Queeries, relating to the Allowances to His Majesty's Troops by the next Pattamar.

We now send our Accounts Current with your Presidency to the 30th. April last.

Enclosed is a Packet for your Presidency received by his Majesty's Ship Seahorse under cover to the President and Council of Fort Marlborough also one from the President and Council of Fort William,

We are,

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Fort St. George, Your Most Obedient Servants

5th. September 1761. George Pigot &c. Council.

No. 46.

To John Andrews Esqr.

or the Chief for the time being

at Masulipatam.

Sirs

In consequence of Mr. Andrews desire to be Releived We have appointed Mr. Richard Fairfield to be Chief in his Room, who takes his Passage on this Vessel, on his Arrival you will therefore deliver over to him the Charge of the Settlement.

We have laden on board six hundred Five Lacks and ten thousand Flints. Invoice for which comes enclosed.

Mr. Richard Brickenden We have appointed as Assistant at your Settlement and Mr. Call our Principal Engeneer accompanies Mr. Fairfield to take a survey of Masulipatam & its dependences to whom all the Assistance he may require must be given.

We are,

Sir,

Your Most Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George George Pigot &c. Council.

5th. September 1761.

No. 47.

To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esqr.

President and Governour &ca. Council

at Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last Letters were dated the 21st. and 25th. Ulto. by the Syren Snow and ship Fattee Salam Duplicate of the latter comes enclosed.

We now draw on your Honour &ca. a Sett of Bills of Exchange for Current Rupees 13665 7 6 payable to Mr. Charles Smith for Value received of him—which he has taken upon the terms mentioned in our Advices of ye. 21st.

The Plassey sailed from Vizagapatam for the Bay the 12th. Ultimo.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort St. George Your most Obedient Humble Servants

6th. September 1761. George Pigot &c. Council.

No. 48.

To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since we wrote to you the 6th. Instant, We have the pleasure to acquaint you that our Honble Masters of ships the Earl of Holdernesse arrived here the 7th. She parted from the Fox and Warren in the Month of June near the Cape. They all purposed putting in at Mosambicque but not either of the two other ships had been there when the Holdernesse left that Place the beginning of last month.

Captain Affleck in the Baleine Frigate came in yesterday from a Cruize off the French Islands.

We enclose a Paragraph from our Honble Masters Commands received by the Plassey, relating to the Allowances to Colonel Coote for your information in case any Application should be made to you on that subject he did not receive any thing here on that Account.

The Company acquaint us that 1758 oz. 19 dwts. of Gold was shipped on board the Plassey for the Payment of the 79th. Regiment Major More who at present Commands that Regiment desires it may be sent hither by the first opportunity as also the Cloathing on board the same ship.

We are,

Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort St. George
11th. September 1761.

Your Most Obedient Humble Servants
George Pigot &c. Council.

No. 49.

To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have the satisfaction to acquaint you that our Honble Masters ship the Warren arrived here the 1st. and the Fox the 2d. of this Instant. General Lawrence Mr. Palk and Mr. Pybus came in the latter.

By the Boneta Ketch which came in here the 24th. of last month from Bencoolen We have received a letter from Captain Vincent of the Ossterly who arrived at that Place the 21st. of July where he found the ships Worchester and Prince George which had anchored there the day before. The Ossterly is detained at Bencoolen untill the Gentlemen who are arrived there can hear from us.

By Captain Vincents Advices it appears that Artificers particularly Carpenters and Bricklayers are much wanted to erect the necessary Buildings which as We are not here able to engage. We must request your Honour &ca. to afford us what assistance you can in this Respect as well as in sending thither Rice and what other kind of Provision you can procure which may go thither in a sloop or such other Vessel as you can spare for the service of that Coast which will be of great use at this Juncture. Long Boats one or two should be provided for the same service, and Lascars entertained for the Working them &c. The Earl Temple will be dispatched from hence to convey what Stores

and other things We can supply and you may consign what you sent to Captain Vincent or the Person who may be in Charge of the Company's Affairs on the West Coast.

We have received your Letters dated the 23d. 24th. and 27th. July to which we shall reply by the next Opportunity. We enclose an indent of Broad Cloth and Velvits which we beg may be complied with.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Most Obedient Humble Servants

GEORGE PIGOT &CA. COUNCIL.

FORT ST. GEORGE
6TH. OCTOBER 1761.

No. 50.

TO MR. JOHN HERBERT
RESIDENT AT BATAVIA.

SIR

We have received your several Letters the last dated the 6th. of August.

The Observation we made to you ye. the 7th. October 1760 concerning your Accounts arose chiefly from our not receiving by the Success Snow those which related to her Outset for which you have since given us sufficient Reason. The Receipt of your other Accounts wh. had been laid aside by Accident not then occurring to our memory are however we find compleat and have been laid up before Mr. Carter and some Gentlemen of the West Coast for their Examination.

On receiving advices from Captain Vincent of arrival of the Osterly Worchester and Prince George at Bencoolen and the Measures he is taking to endeavour the resettling of the Company Affairs.

We have appointed One of the Members of our Council to superintend the management of them for the present, he will accordingly embark on the Earl Temple which will proceed in a short time.

As you are not in the Situation of those Gentlemen who where [*sic*] taken Prisoners at Fort Marlborough and may be assisting in restoreing the Companys Affairs on the West Coast. We recommend to you to proceed thither as soon as possible after the Receipt of this and a Person may be appointed from Fort Marlborough to supply your Station as Resident at Batavia in your absence from among the Young Gentlemen lately arrived who may be qualified to hold a correspondence and furnish such Assistance from Batavia as may be necessary.

We are,
SIR,

Your Affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT &C. COUNCIL.

FORT ST. GEORGE
11TH. OCTOBER 1761.

No. 51.

TO CAPTAIN FREDERICK VINCENT
OF THE RESIDING CHIEF AT FORT MARLBOROUGH.

SIR

We have received your Letter of the 21st. of August by Mr. Frederick Vincent, which though it gave us a pleasure in perceiving that the three ships bound for the West Coast were arrived there free from danger and had been

of so great use in laying a foundation for the reestablishment of the Companys Settlements we are much concernd'd to find those, from whose Assistance and Attention something might be expected, were in so sickly a condition, and in particular yourself to whose prudence and care the Company must esteem themselves much obliged, We hope this will meet recovered from your Ilness, We send it express on the Sea Nymph Sloop by the same young Gentleman who conveyed to us your Letter, to apprise you of our Intention to dispatch the Honble Companys ship Earl Temple so soon as she can load all the supplies we can at present send to assist the Place, and on her will embark Mr. Ardley one of the Council here with some of the Council here, with some of the Gentlemen lately Inhabitants of the West Coast. You will immediately make known this our design which we wish may contribute to recover the Spirits of those who may have been dejected through sickness or otherwise, as well as improve what pains may have been already taken to incite the Malays to be careful of their Pepper and assisting in procuring Materials for Building which please to prompt them to very earnestly You may likewise inform the Sultan of Moco Moco and other Chiefs at the Out Settlements of the Assistance you expect to whom We shall write by the Earl Temple.

We doubt not your Assiduity in erecting the most Commodious Buildings you can for securing the Health of the People on shore to which will likewise much conduce, the Care that is observed in burning the Grass and shrubs and clearing away all filth.

We recommend to you to dispatch this sloop immediately after her Arrival at Bencoolen or any other small Vessel to Padong to convey any Intelligence that may be necessary for the Earl Temple which is to call them for advice as well as to endeavour to collect any Cattle or Provision that may be procurable for your Refreshment.

We are,
Sir,
Your Affectionate Friends
George Pigot &c. Council.

Fort St. George
11th. October 1761.

No. 52.

To Mr. Frederick Vincent

Sir

You are hereby directed to repair on board the Sloop Sea Nymph and make the best of your Way to Fort Marlborough on the West Coast of Sumatra where on your Arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Letter to Captain Vincent or whoever may be the residing Chief there, whose Orders you are to follow for your further Proceedings. Dated in Fort St. George the 13th. of October 1761.

George Pigot &c. Council.

No. 53.

To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esqr.

President and Governor &ca. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote to you the 6th. Instant by the Boneta Ketch, and are since favour'd with your Letters dated the 18th. Augt. and 7th. of September the latter enclosing the Packets from Batavia.

It is with great pleasure we perceive by yours of 7th. September that you have hopes of being able to dispatch five of our Honble Masters ships this season. We wish it were in our power to provide for the remaining one, but we fear three hundred Bales will be the most we shall be able to contribute towards it by February.

We now dispatch to you the Holderness, and have put on board her some Redwood, Cannon & Shot as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed. The Fox and Warren shall follow as soon as their Consignments can be delivered.

The Boxes of Wrough Iron and Hand Vices brought out in the Sandwich for your Presidency which we received by the Triton from Bombay are now forwarded in the Holderness.

Lewis da Costa, the Clerke of Mr. Brohier who was sent to Bengal some time since in consequence of your Letter of the 18th. August, has paid into Cash here by his Attorney, Sixteen hundred & twelve Pagodas (1612 — —) in part of what he may be found to be indebted to the Company.

In our Letter by the Boneta Ketch We acquainted you of the Advices we had rec'd from Captain Vincent of the Ossterly at Fort Marlborough, and desired you would contribute your Assistance in sending over the Articles the Gentlemen there are in need of. You will be pleased also to order Mr. Brinley to return thither by the first opportunity, as he is not a Prisoner, and we think that all others of the Gentlemen of that Establishment should proceed who are desirous to reside there, untill the Company make [*sic*] think proper to employ them.

Enclosed are some Extracts of News from Europe by the way of Bussorah transmitted to us by the President and Council of Bombay.

We now draw on your Honour &ca. the two following Setts of Bills of Exchange for money paid into Cash here the Bill holder consenting to take Bonds for the amount if it should not be convenient to you to discharge them

Setts.	To whom payable.	Of whom the Value recd.	Arg. Rup.	Currt. Rupees.
1	Mr. Henry Marsh ..	of himself	4,025 — —	4,347 — —
1	Mr. Henry Vansittart Esqr.	Mr. Andrew Ross ..	26,250 — —	28,350 — —
2	Setts amounting to A.Rs. ..		30,275 — —	32,697 — —

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Most Obedient Humble Servants

George Pigot & Council.

Fort St. George
12 October 1761.

List of Packet to Bengal ℔ Ship Earl of Holdernesse.

No. 1 General Letter dated 12th. October 1761.
2 Duplicate General Letter dated 6th. October 1761.
3 Invoice of the ship Earl of Holdernesse to Fort William.
4 Bill of Loading Do.
5 Duplicate Indent to Bengal of goods wanted for the Import Warehouse.
6 List of Military Stores Laden on the ship Earl of Holdernesse for Bengal.
7 Copy Earl of Holdernesse Victualing Bill.

8 Copy Commission to Capt. Robert Brooke to seize Persons in India who have not ye. Comps. Licence.

9 Copy Earl of Holdernesses Charter Party.

10 Manifest of Private Trade Licenced to be shippd on the Holdernesse from Europe.

11 Manifest of Private Trade Landed at Fort St. George by the Capn. & Officers of the Ship Earl of Holdns.

12 Account of Pepper from Europe deficient ℔ Holdernesse.

13 Account of Iron from Europe deficient ℔ ship Holdernesse.
The two last Paper to be sent to Europe on the Holdernesse.

14 Extract of News from Europe via Bussorah.

15 Copy Captain Brooks Sailing Orders.

Wm. Aldersey
Secretary

Fort St. George
4th. October 1761.

No. 54.

To Captain Robert Brooke
of the ship Holdernesse.

Sir

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your ship and make the best of your way to the River of Bengal & proceed as far as Rogues River from whence you are to forward your Packets to the President and Council of Fort Wm. and on no acct. to Carry your ship higher up without their particular Directions. We wish you a good voyage and date this in Fort St. George this 14th. day of October 1761.

George Pigot &ca. Council.

No. 55.

To the Honble Charles Crommelin Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your Letters dated the 28th. August and 5th. of September.

In our last of the 5th. Ultimo we acquainted you of the Arrival of our Honble Masters ship Plassey at Vizagapatam and have now the pleasure to add that the rest of the ships of this season for the coast and Bay are safe arrived The Holdernesse imported the 7th. of September. The Warier the 1st. Instant and the Fox the third General Lawrence Mr. Palk and Mr. Pybus came in the latter.

By a Cuntry [*sic*] Vessel from Bencoolen We have received a Letter from Captain Vincent of the Ossterly who arrived at that Place. ye. 21st. of July, where he found the ships Worchester and Prince George, which had Anchor'd there the day before. The Osterly is detained at Bencoolen untill the Gentlemen who are arrived there can hear from us.

Upon these Advices from Captain Vincent we have resolved to take measures for resettling the Company's Affairs on the West Coast. For this purpose Mr. Ardley one of the members of our Council will in a few days proceed thither in the Earl Temple and have in the meantime sent the Sloop. Sea Nymph to apprize Captain Vincent of our Intentions. Mr. Elphenston having informed us that the Admiral had no further Occasion for the service of that Vessel and we judged your Honour &ca. might be able to supply yourselves easily with another.

Enclosed is a Reply to the several Queeries respecting Allowances to the Military transmitted with your Letter of the 9th. August.

The Company have in their Commands this season made enquiry concerning the Effects of Lieutenant John Ray of ye. Bombay Detachment who died at Fort St. Davids in 1755. As we judged they must have fallen into the Hands of Captain Forbes who commanded that Detachment you will probly be able to give them some Information relating hereto Copy of the Paragraph of our Honble Masters said Letter is enclosed.

The Falmouth and Prince Edward sailed for Europe the 6th. Instant with Mr. De Leyrit and about a hundred others of the Principal Officers of the French Nation on board Prisoners of War. The Baron Vasserot now takes his Passage in the Patty for your Presidency he has received his Allowances. here to the end of September 1760.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedient Humble Servants
George Pigot &c. Council.

Fort St. George
19th. October 1761.

List of the Packet to Fort William ℔ Ship Fox.

No. 1st. General Letter dated 23d. October 1761.
2 Duplicate Do. Dated 12th. October 1761.
3 Invoice of the ship Fox to Fort William.
4 Bill of Lading of Do. to Do.
5 Copy of Fox's Charter Party.
6 Copy Commission to Captain Hume Commander of the Ship Fox to seize Persons in India who have not the Company's Licence.
7 Copy Victualling Bill of ship Fox.
8 Manifest of Private Trade ℔ ship Fox.
9 Account of Private Trade Landed at Fort St. George by the Captain & Officer of the ship Fox.
10 Account of Copper Deficient ℔ ship Fox to be sent to Europe on that ship.
11 Captain Humes Sailing Orders a Copy.

Fort St. George
23D. of October 1761.

William Aldersey
Secry.

No. 56.

To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of
Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Holdernesse carried to you our last Advices dated 12th. Instant of which you will receive Duplicate herewith.

The Fox having landed her Consignments for this Place, we now despatch her to you with 50 Tons of Redwood and some Iron Guns and Shot as p^{r}. Invoice and Bill of laden, enclosed. The Women will follow in a few days with the like Quantity of Redwood and we hope to be able to send you about a hundred Tons more upon Freight.

We are,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedient Humble Servant
George Pigot &c. Council.

Fort S^{t}. George
23^{D}. October 1761.

N°. 57.

To Captain Alexander Hume
of the ship Fox.

Sir

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your ship & make the best of your way to the River of Bengal, and proceed as far as Rogues River from whence you are to forward your Packets to the President & Council of Fort William and on no account to carry your ship higher up without their particular Directions.

We wish you a good Voyage and Date this in Fort S^{t}. George this 23^{d}. day of October 1761.

N°. 58.

To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esq^{R}.
President and Governour &c^{A}. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote to you the 23^{d}. Instant by the Fox you will receive this by the Petty Snow on which We have laden a Quantity of Redwood as p^{r}. Invoice and Bill of Laden enclosed for which the usual Freight has been paid.

We transmit to you Colonel Coote his Account Current with the Company on Account His Majesty's 84th. Regiment from September 1760 to Ultimo Sepr. 1761.

We are,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedient Humble Servt^{s}.
George Pigot &c^{A}. Council.

Fort S^{t}. George
25TH. October 1761.

N°. 59.

To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esq^{R}.
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Patey Snow sailed this morning by which we consigned to you a small Quantity of Redwood. We now send you a further supply by the Alla Dowlat as P^{r}. Invoice and Bill of Laden enclosed for which the usual Freight has been paid.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedient Humble Servt^{s}.
George Pigot &c^{A}. Council

Fort S^{t}. George
26 October 1761.

No. 60.

To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We now dispatch to you our Honble Masters ship Warren with a supply of Redwood as pr. Invoice and Bill of Laden enclosed.

As we shall be in want of Jaggree for our Works We request you will by the first Opportunities send us three hundred Candies.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedient Humble Servants
George Pigot & Council.

Fort St. George
27th. October 1761.

List of the Packet to Fort William ℔ Ship Warren.

No. 1st. General Letter Dated 27th. October 1761.
2 Duplt. Do. Dated 26th. October 1761.
3 Duplt. Do. Dated 23d. October 1761.
4 Invoice of Redwood to Fort William. pr. ship Warren.
5 Bill of Lading of Do. to Do.
6 Copy Warren's Charty Party.
7 Copy Victualling Bill of Do.
8 Copy Commission to Captain Alphonsus Glover to seize Persons in India who have not the Companys Licence.
9 Manifest of Private Trade pr. Ship Warren.
10 Account of Private Trade Landed at Fort St. George by the Captain and Officers of the Ship Warren.
11 Account of Stores Deficient pr. Do.
12 Account of Military Stores Deficient ℔ Do. the two last Papers to be sent to Europe on the Warren.
13 Colonel Coote his Account Current in Duplicate.
14 Copy Captain Glovers Sailing Orders.

William Aldersey
Secretary.

Fort St. George
27th. October 1761.

No. 61.

To Captain Alphonsus Glover
of the Ship Warren.

Sir

You are hereby Ordered to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way to the River of Bengal and Proceed as far as Rogues River from whence you are to forward your Packets to the President and Council of Fort

William and on no account to carry your ship higher up without their particular Directions. We wish you a good Voyage and Date this in Fort St. George This 27th. day of October 1761.

George Pigot
&c^a. Council.

No. 62.

To Richard Fairfield Esqr.
Chief at Mazulipatam.

Sir

The departure of M^r. Andrews to Europe having made a Vacancy in the Council you will be pleased to order M^r. Alexander to repair hither immediately that he may succeed thereto agreable to his standing.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
George Pigot &c^a. Council.

Fort St. George
27th. October 1761.

No. 63.

To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esqr.
President and Governor &c^a. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Syren arrived the 29th. Ultimo with your Letters the 3rd. and 5th.

The News of the Accident which has befallen the Fattee Salam gives us extream Concern. The remainder of Colonel Coote's Regiment were embarked on the Holdernesse Fox and Warren.

This comes to you by the Fattadad, on which we have laden a quantity of Redwood as p^r. Invoice and Bill of lading enclosed, for which the usual Freight has been paid. The Syren will follow in a few days with as much more as she can take on board.

The Ossterly from Fort Marlborough came in this morning. The enclosed Copy of Captain Vincent Letter to the President will make known to you the Cause of her leaving that Place.

Enclosed is also a Letter from Captain Vincent to M^r. Secretary James, We believe it will be acceptable to the Company if you cause a Copy thereof to be transmitted to England by two or three of the first Conveyances that offer more as she can take on board.

Fort St. George
1st, November 1761.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedient Humble Servants
George Pigot &c^a. Council.

No. 64.

To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esqr.
President and Governor &c. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Enclosed is a Duplicate of our last p^r^. Sloop Fattee Dad under date the first Instant.

Cands Md. LB

We now return the Syren Snow to you with 207 7 16 of Redwood as p^r^. Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed which is all she could take on board.

We mention'd in our last the arrival of the Ossterly from Fort Marlborough We purpose returning her hither with the Earl Temple and Plassey as we are indeavouring to resettle our Honble Masters Affairs at the West Coast.

We now draw on your Honour &c. a Sett of Bills of Exchange payable to M^r^. Thomas Cooke for Current Rupees seven thousand five hundred and sixty, value received here of M^r^. Andrew Ross for which he consents to take Bills upon England if it should not suit you to pay off the Amount.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedient Humble Servants
George Pigot &. Council.

Fort S^t^. George
8th. November 1761.

No. 65.

To Captain George Boswall
of the Snow Syren.

Sir

You are hereby directed to repair on board your Snow and make the best of your way to the Ports of Calcutta in Bengal whereon your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the President and Council, whose Orders you are to follow for your future Proceedings.

Dated in Fort S^t^. George the 8 November 1761.

George Pigot &. Council.

List of the Packet to Fort William p^r^. Snow Syren.

No. 1 General Letter Dated 8 November 1761.
2 Dup^l^. D^o^. Dated 1st. D^o^.
3 Dup^l^. Copy Captain Vincents Letter to M^r^. Secretary James.
4 Dup^l^. Copy Captain Vincents Letter to the President.
5 Invoice of Redwood p^r^. Snow Syren.
6 Bill of Lading of D^o^.
7 Copy Captain Boswalls sailing Orders.

William Aldersey
Secretary.

Fort S^t^. George
8th. November 1761.

No. 66.

To Samuel Ardley Esqr.

Sir

In consequence of the Letter you addressed to us the 8th. Instant and the Indent you at the same time delivered in for several necessaries which you received would be most useful, on the Coast of Sumatra, We have done our endeavours to comply with your Representation as you will perceive by a List hereto annexed of such stores Provisions Military and Artificers as we have been able to procure & can spare.

We have destin'd our Honble Masters ship the Earl Temple to carry you, The gentlemen who shall be allowed from your choice to go with you, The Military Artificers, and Stores to Marlborough, and Captain Foster has our orders after leaving this Port to obey such Directions as he shall receive from you, The Several Books and Papers which you have desired and such others as we thought might be useful are delivered to you as p^r. List enclosed. You will also receive herewith a Letter to the Dutch Chief and Council at Padong requesting such Assistance as they may be able to give you or you are entitled by treaties to ask you have likewise a Copy of our Letter to Batavia for your Guidance.

We also Committ to your care the Present which was intended to have been sent by the Leopard Snow from Bengal for the Sultan of Mocho Mocho, together with a Letter from us to him, and another present to accompany it, of both which you have a List and you will deliver them in such a manner as you think will conduce most to obtain his Friendship & Assistance but nevertheless should you find his Conduct has been such as not to merit this Token of our regard you will act as Circumstances shall guide you.

We much approve of the sums you propose to allow Captain Foster for your own, and the other Gentlemen's Passage to Marlborough, and we would have you pay all such late Companys Servants as may be with you on the Coast of Sumatra the same allowances received by each according to his respective Rank, before the French took Possession of those Settlements, and to such as do fill the Employs of Paymaster, Accountant, Warehousekeeper, Storekeeper & such additional Allowances as were formerly made to the servants in like Employs.

As the Company were not perfectly acquainted with the Loss of their Settlements on the Island of Sumatra when the Last ships sailed for this Coast they could not send us any particular directions concerning the Re-establishment thereof, but as we imagine they may do so by the Norfolk or Chesterfield and perhaps resolve on some Alteration in the situation of the Principal Settlement we therefore recommend that you do not begin any new piece of Fortification at Marlborough, or lay out any considerable sum in repairing the Old Fort, all we think necessary at present is to put the Fort in a Condition of Defence against the Natives of the Country and to repair the Lodgings for the servants and Officers & Barracks for the soldiers in such a manner as may for a time secure them from the Weather, You must also repair or build Warehouses for the stores and Pepper both at Marlborough, and the other, Settlements, and these if you have time and Workmen may be furnish'd in the most durable manner, as they will always be useful whatever may be the situation of the Presidency To enable you to execute such repairs or additions with the greater dispatch we have ordered a number of Doors and Window Shutters which came from Pondicherry to be sent with you.

It will not be necessary we think at this Juncture to send with you any Engineer, particularly M^r. Call, because nothing new or expensive can be undertaken till we hear from the Company on that subject, and have Artificers and money to execute it.

The Ship Plassey shall be ordered to sail with you, and take on board such Articles as the Earl Temple cannot receive and you are to employ her at the West Coast or elsewhere on such services as shall appear most useful.

As soon as the stores from the Earl Temple are landed we recommend that you dispatch her to Malacca for the Stores and whatever else was left there by the Duke of Richmond and Norfolk, with Orders to return immediately to your Port, unless she can fetch any thing, material from Batavia, she may afterwards be employed in bringing the Pepper from the Out Settlements to Marlborough.

The Ossterly is to be dispatched to us when you have supply'd her with all the Pepper you can procure not exceeding two hundred and fifty Tons, but you are on no Account to detain her longer than the last of April that she may be in time here to receive on board French Prisoners, Red Wood &ca. for China. You must also send hither on her all the Officers and Soldiers which you think more than necessary for the Security of the West Coast, untill it may be more fully reestablished.

You will receive the Ballance of Cash from Captain Vincent and his Account of the Disbursements during his management there to whom we now write to thank him for his Conduct at Marlborough.

The Company having now fixed the Exchange of Pagodas at 8 shillings, and as the Dollars have always been received and paid at 5 shillings, we think that the Exchange in future between this Settlement and Marlborough should be in that proportion that is to say 16 Dollars for 10 Pagodas instead of 16½ as was before We also have determined that the Dollar shall be valued at 2 Rupees and the Rupee at fanams so that each European Soldier or Artificer dieted on board is to be paid for at the rate of half a Rupee or 6 Fanams and every seapoy Lascar or Black at 4 Fanams p^{r}. Day or three to a Rupee.

Should any Cannon of a larger Bore than those you may find at Marlborough be thought necessary for the defence of that or any other Settlement You are empower'd to take such as you may judge proper out of the Earl Temple and you may also take out of the same ship fifty Barrels of Bombay Powder from what she has on board, which with the Powder arrived from Europe on the several ships consigned to that Place will We think be a sufficient stock.

Captain Foster having been permitted to take on board some Salt on his own Account when intended for Malacca it remains now in his ship as little is at persent to be procur'd here and that with difficulty and it being an Article you may be in want of there we have agreed with him since it would be a hardship to take it now from him, on the Company's Account that he should deliver it to you free of all Charges at the rate of 30 Spanish Dollars p^{r}. Coyan when he arrives at Bencoolen.

M^{r}. Herbert being ordered from Batavia to Marlborough to assist you in the management of the Companys Affairs We have fixed M^{r}. Randolph Marriette to reside at Batavia in quality of Company's Agent who will be instructed to correspond with you and obey such Orders as you may find necessary to give him for the Companys Interest; his appointments are to be the same as those allowed to M^{r}. Herbert which you are to pay to him and he will have orders to transmit all his Accounts to you.

We have recommended to the Gentlemen at Bengal to send one of the Companys ships to the French Islands where we please ourselves with hopes she will be able to procure a pretty large number of slaves, and will also be able to collect the Artificers Chinese and Malays which the French transported thither. This done she is to bring them back to you at Marlborough. and we imagine may be with you by the end of April, at which time if you have more Pepper than will be loaded on the Ossterly, laying at Marlborough or any of the Out Settlements to which she can conveniently go we would have it put on board and the vessel dispatch'd to us with all possible Expedition.

As we are unable to supply you from hence either with long Boats or any used in the Country we fear it may take a considerable time to unload the Earl Temple's Cargo from hence, as well as that she may bring to you from Malacca, and can therefore form no Judgement of the Time in which you may be able to dispatch her from Marlborough, but should you by the beginning of August have three or four hundred Tons of Pepper on hand we would have you dispatch her to China to the Supracargoes of Council there, and to remedy the want of Boards which we perceive will occasion many other difficulties and delays, we recommend that you send Directions to the Resident at Batavia to purchase such as you may want, and we think you should omit no Opportunity to procure as many as you can from other places as well as encourage the Buildings of proper Boats by the Malays, you have herewith a copy of the Companys Instructions relating to the disposition of the Earl Temple if she goes to China to forward to the Supra Cargoes there.

Mr. Moore who went from Bengal in the Ajax last here in order to act as Chaplain on the West Coast Establishment but came hither in that ship upon hearing of the Loss of those Settlements now returns to his station there and is to receive the appointments annexed thereto.

We depend on your Prudence and Good Conduct in the fulfilling of these Instructions towards the Reestablishment of the Companys Settlements on the West Coast If however you should by sickness be under a necessity of leaving the Place before it is accomplished you are to deliver over the Charge there to Mr. Herbert unless Orders from the Company or other sufficient Reason should occur for your entrusting any of the other Company's Servants in preference.

Mr. Ridout Lieutenant fireworker who goes with you has received six months Pay in advance. His Rank is equal to that of an Ensign of Foot. The advance of pay made to the Seapoys & others that embarque with you will be delivered with the muster Roll of them.

Having engaged for the service of ye. West Coast several French People who are Artificers whose names and respective Professions the accompanying List will shew you are to pay them the same alowances at Marlborough as persons of the like Occupations did receive there, and to provide them with necessarys for their Voyage We have exclusively ordered the Paymaster to issue them a Month's Allowance agreeable to the Rules of this place.

For the better maintaining a proper Order and Discipline at Fort Marlborough, you are furnished with a Power from General Lawrence to appoint & approve Courts Martial which in case of an Accident to you is to devolve on the Deputy Governour for the time being.

Enclosed is a Statement of the Advances made to the People of every Denomination who proceed with you to the West Coast.

We heartily wish you sucess & are

SIR.

Your Affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT &C. COUNCIL

FORT ST. GEORGE
16TH. NOVEMBER 1761.

No. 67.

TO CAPTAIN FREDERICK VINCENT

SIR

We wrote to you by the Sea Nymph Sloop under date the 11th. of last month agreable to what We therein mentioned Mr. Samuel Ardley one of the members of our Council now proceeds in the Earl Temple as Deputy Governour of Fort Marlborough and all the Companys Settlements on the West Coast of Sumatra you will therefore on his arrival be pleased to deliver over to him the full Charge of the Company's Affairs at Fort Marlborough.

We are very sensible of your Vigilance in the Measures you have taken since your arrival at Marlborough to resettle the Companys Affairs which we shall particularly recommend to our Honble Masters Notice.

The Ossterly arrived here the 1st. Instant wth. your Letter to the President dated 21st. of September and one to Mr. Secretary James. We very much approve of the measure you have taken for the security of Fort Marlborough and the Companys Treasure on the appearance of the French Ship agreable to what We have beforementioned We now send the Earl Temple. The Plassey accompanies her. The Ossterly being in want of Refreshment must remain here a few days.

We are
SIR
Your Affectionate Friends
GEORGE PIGOT &C. COUNCIL.

FORT St. GEORGE
16TH. NOVEMBER 1761.

No. 68.

TO THE SULTAN OF MOCO MOCO.

Carry this Friendly Sheet accompanyed with assurances of much Esteem and regard from the Honble George Pigot Esqr. Governour and the rest of the Council of Fort St. George unto the Sultans Gondam Shaw and Rajah Passaseer Barat Shaw who govern with great Moderation and Equity in the Kingdom of Arak-Soongey.

The Distresses Losses and Calamities which your Highnesses, and your Subjects, must have suffered from the disturbances occasioned in your parts by our Enemies the French we are truly sensible of and much concerned at, as there has ever subsisted a Strict Friendship and regard between your Highnesses and the Company which you may be assured will always continue. We have now the Pleasure to acquaint you that we have very severely punished the French for their behaviour on the West Coast, by taken [*sic*] from them and by destroying that great Opulent and strong City of Pondicherry, and all their other Settlements in India, and have sent all their Officers and great Men to England Prisoners, so that you need not be under any apprehensions of being any more disturbed by them, and as we are determined to reestablish ourselves at all the Companys Settlements on the West Coast, we now send Samuel Ardley Esqr. Governour to Fort Marlbro with the necessary Instructions for putting that place all ye. other Settlements on their ancient footing and we doubt not from the Readiness your Highnesses have always shewn to promote the Company's Interest [*sic*] in your Kingdom that you will give the proper Directions to your subjects at the several Qualtoes to be assisting to whomsoever the Governor may send from Marlbro with Materials or whatever else may be necessary for putting ye. Companys Buildings into proper repair issuing out your Orders for their bringing down their Pepper to the scale when Residents shall be appointed to receive it, and giving them the same attention to the Pepper Plantations throughout your Districts as formerly, whereby you so acquired a great Reputation to yourself and the Company's favour and Esteem, and to your subjects Riches and plenty, We recommend to you in General a due regard to the Directions you shall receive from the Governour Mr. Ardley and to maintain a constant Correspondence with him that he may be well acquainted with the situation of Affairs in your Districts. He will forward this to you with a present from us in the name of the Company

as a token of their regard, Assure yourself of their Protection and be under no apprehensions of Disturbance from any of your Enemies, We wish you a long and happy Reign and date this in Fort S^{t}. George this 16th. day of November 1761.

GEORGE PIGOT
&C. COUNCIL.

N°. 69.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY PETRUS ALBERTUS VAN DER PARRA GENERAL OF INFANTRY IN THE STATES OF THE UNITED NETHERLANDS, GOVERNOR GENERAL OF THE NETHERLANDS INDIA &C^{A}. &C^{a}. &C^{a}. AND TO THE GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL AT BATAVIA.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY AND

GENTLEMEN

We have had the Honor to receive your Letter dated the 24th. April—Since the date of that Letter we are informed of the Death of the Right Honble Jacob Mossell y^{e}. late General on which Occasion we very sincerely condole with you at the same time we beg leave to congratulate you on the Accession of the Right Honble Petrus Albertus Van der Parra to the Government and hope the same Harmony will be maintained between the Representatives of the two Nations in India as existed during M^{r}. Mossell's Administration.

As the Advices we have lately rec'd from the West Coast, have induced us to undertake the Reestablishment of Honble Masters Possessions there, in as full and ample a manner as before the unfortunate Capture of them by the French under the Command of the Count D Estaing we think it necessary to acquaint you Gentlemen with such our Design and to inform you that we have now sent Samuel Ardley Esqr. one of the Members of our Council with our Commission as Governor for the Management and Direction of and for all affairs in behalf of the Honble English East India Company on the West Coast of Sumatra, and we are well persuaded that he will easily obtain from your Excellency &c^{a}. at all times whatever help and assistance he may have occasion to request from you and which may be expected from your Friendship and Alliance.

The Experience of M^{r}. Herbert has induced us to order him to remove from Batavia to Marlbro to be assisting to M^{r}. Ardley and we have appointed M^{r}. Randolph Marriott who will have the Honor to be the Bearer of this our Letter to supply his Place, for whom we request the same Countenance & Assistance, as well as that you will pay due attention to every Representation which he is ordered to make on behalf of the English East India Company, or those who live under their Protection.

It is with Concern We acquaint you of some very extraordinary Proceedings of your Agents on the West Coast of Sumatra in possessing themselves of our Settlements of Nattal and Tappanouly. We are not yet indeed furnished with all the Particulars of this Enterprize. As such a Conduct would be a direct violation of the Peace subsisting between the two Nations, we can scarce believe the Report has any Foundation.

M^{r}. Marriott has also Orders to demand satisfaction for the Violence committed in seizing our Vessels wth. their Cargoes and Crews on various Pretences We are convinced you will pay due attention to all that he shall have the Honor to represent to you, that the fatal Consequences may be avoided which would necessarily result from our laying, as we are in Duty bound,

all these outrages (unless redressed) before the Commanders in Chief of His Majesty's Sea & Land Forces now in India.

We have the Honor to be
May it please your Excellency and Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient & Most Humble Servants
GEORGE PIGOT &C^A. COUNCIL

FORT S^T. GEORGE
16TH. NOVEMBER 1761.

N°. 70.

TO THE WORSHIPFUL SENEPT ESQ^R.
CHIEF &C^A. COUNCIL AT PADANG.

GENTLEMEN

As the advices we have lately received from the West Coast, have induced us to undertake the Reestablishment of our Honble Masters Possessions therein as full and ample a manner as before the unfortunate Capture of them by the French under the Command of the Count DEstaing we think it necessary to acquaint you Gentlemen with such our design, and to inform you that we have now sent Samuel Ardley Esqr. one of the members of our Council, who is the bearer of this with our Commission as Governor for the Management and Direction of and for all Affairs in behalf of the Honble English East India Company on the West Coast of Sumatra requesting of you Gentlemen should the ship on which he proceeds put in at your Place, or any other Settlement under your Jurisdiction, that you will assist, or give orders for his being assisted with such Provisions, Refreshments or Stores as he may have occasion to apply for, and furnish him from time to time after his arrival at Fort Marlbrough with whatever help or Aid he may require and may be expected from the Friendship, and alliance subsisting between the two Nations, And as we on our Parts are very sincerely desirous to cultivate and maintain the good understanding and Harmony which ought to subsist between the Subjects of Nations so United we will not doubt of finding the like good Intentions on yours. That we may in future find no cause for entering upon the like disagreable altercations, which for these many years past, Our Servants on the West Coast, and we in their behalf in support of their just Rights & Priviledges have been under the painful Necessity of engaging in with the Government at Batavia, and yourselves—We have now the Honor of addressing Ourselves to the General and Council of Batavia on these subjects, and are with much Regard,

GENTLEMEN
Your Most Obedient Humble Servants
GEORGE PIGOT &C^A. COUNCIL.

FORT S^T. GEORGE
16TH. NOVEMBER 1761.

N°. 71.

TO M^R. JOHN HERBERT
RESIDENT AT BATAVIA.
OR THE RESIDENT FOR THE TIME BEING.

SIR

We wrote to you under date the 11th. Octo^r. by the way of Fort Marlborough of which Duplicate is enclosed.

In consequence of what we recommend to you that Letter We conclude you will before this can reach you have repaired to Fort Marlborough.

We have appointed Mr. Randolph Marriette to succeed you as Resident at Batavia. This Gentlemen now proceeds to Marlborough in the Plassey.

We are,
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
George Pigot &c^a. Council.

Fort St. George
16 November 1761.

No. 72.

To Mr. Randolph Marriette.

Sir

As the favourable turn which the Company's Affairs have lately taken on the West Coast of Sumatra has induced us to send thither Samuel Ardley Esqr. as Deputy Governor and to recall Mr. Herbert from his Residence at Batavia to go thither also, we have at your desire chosen you to supply his place as Resident, not doubting but that you will punctually adhere to the following Instructions.

Herewith is delivered to you a Letter for the General and Council at Batavia which on your arrival you are to present, and as you will see by the inclosed Copy the purport thereof, you are also to make representations agreable thereto from time to time as occasion may require on those or any other Subjects of Complaint.

You are to communicate to us and the other Settlements of the Company constant Advice of all material Occurrences, and furnish the Commander of any English Ship or Squadrons with any Intelligence that may occasionally be necessary We must particularly recommend to you to be punctual in your Correspondence with the Deputy Governor of Fort Marlborough and follow such directions as you may from time to time receive from him, sending thither your Accounts from whence you are to receive your Appointments which are to be the same as those made to Mr. Herbert.

In conformity to these Instructions you will be attentive to all measures that may be conducive to the Company's Interest whether by Intelligence or otherwise on all Occasions observing a polite Conduct towards the Government with whom you reside.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
George Pigot &c. Council.

Fort St. George
16th. November 1761.

List of the Letters and Papers delivered Mr. Randolph Marriot.

No. 1 His Instructions Dated 16th. November 1761.
2 Copy of General Letter to Mr. Herbert Dated 16th. November 1761.
3 General Letter to the General and Council of Batavia Dated 16th. November 1761.
4 Copy of . . . Do. . . .

5 Copy of Observations on a Perusal of all the Papers relative to the behavour of the Dutch on the West Coast of Sumatra.

6 Copy Letter from Mr. Wyatt Dated 4th. November 1761.

7 Copy of Mr. Carters Representation relating to the Claims made by the Dutch to Nattal.

Fort St. George
16th. November 1761.

William Aldersey
Secretary.

No. 73.

To Captain Thomas Hague
of the Ship Plassey.

Sir

You are hereby Directed to repair on Board in order to prosecute your Voyage to Fort Marlborough on the West Coast of Sumatra—you are to call at Trimlevash to take on Board the Effects of Messrs. Robert Nairne and James Stevenson the last of which Gentlemen embarques with you; and there wait the coming of the Earl Temple, wth. whom you are to proceed in Company to Fort Marlborough, in which you are to follow all such Orders, as you shall receive from Samuel Ardley Esqr. the Deputy Governour who takes his Passage on that Ship, and obey all further Directions from him for your future proceedings.

Dated in Fort St. George this 18th. Novembr 1761.

George Pigot &cA. Council.

No. 74.

To Captain William Foster
of the Ship Earl Temple
or the Commanding Officer.

Sir

You are hereby Directed to repair on board in order to make the best of your way to the West Coast of Sumatra where it is intended you should first touch at Padang to obtain intelligence as well as to take in any Provision that may be procurable there for Fort Marlborough, Samul Ardley Esqr. the Deputy Governor proceeds thither in your Ship, and you are to follow all such Orders as you shall receive from him for your future Proceedings after you leave this Port.

Dated in Fort St. George this 18th day of Novr. 1761.

List of Passengers to Fort Marlborough per Ship
Earl Temple and Plassey.

Samuel Ardley Esqr. Deputy Governor.
Messrs. Henry Idell.
,, Robert Nairne.
Stokenham Donstan.
Randolph Marriot.
James Stevenson Surgeon.
Reverend John More Chaplain.
Thomas Fivey.
William Broffe.

Fort St. George 16th. November 1761.

William Aldersey
Secry.

List of Military Artillery, Seapoys Artificers and Lascars embarked on the ships Earl Temple, Plassey & Ossterly.

Military—

Ensign John Esqr.
1 Serjeant.
1 Corporal.
1 Drum Major.
1 Drummer.
4 Centinels.

Artillery—

Lieutenant Fireworker Robert Redout.
1 Serjeant.
2 Gunners.
1 Drummer.
4 Matrosses.

Seapoys—

2 Subadars.
4 Jemedars.
12 Havildars.
12 Naigs
4 Colourmen.
4 Tom Toms.
2 Trumpeters.
164 Seapoys.

Artificers—

4 Carpenters.
1 Joiner.
1 Armourer.
2 Smiths.
2 Masons.
1 Sawyer.
1 Gardiner.
1 Master Bricklayer.

Lascars—

3 Tindals.
78 Lascars.

Fort St. George 16th. November 1761.

William Aldersey
Secretary.

List of West Coast Books & Papers delivered.

Mr. Ardley.
Book of Consultations from October 1752 to June 1753.

Do. . . from June to December 1753.
Do. . . . Compleat for the Year 1754.
Do. . . . Do. Do. 1755.
Do. . . . from January to July 1756.
Do. . . . from September to December 1757
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Journal of Accounts for the year ending Ultimo April 1755.
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5 General Letters from England in 1756, 1758, 1759, & 1760.
10 Dº. to England in 1757, 1758 & 1759.
14 Dº. to Fort St. George Dº.
Sundry Reports of the West Coast Committee at Madras with a Letter to the Committee in 1758 from Roger Carter Esqr.
Copies of Sundry Forms.
Dº. of General Letters previous and subsequent to the taking of Fort Marlborough.
Copy of Forms relative to Courts Martial.
2 Books of Surveys 1753 and 1754.
Account of Money advanced to Company's Servants &c. for their Subsistence at Batavia & Passage to Fort St. George.
Copy Report of Mr. Carter and others late of the West Coast Establishment on the Accounts of Mr. Herbert Resident at Batavia since the Capture of those Settlements, dated 5th. September 1761.
The Honble Company their Account Current with Mr. John Herbert Resident at Batavia.

FORT ST. GEORGE 16TH. NOVEMBER 1761.

WM. ALDERSEY
Secry.

LIST OF LETTERS AND PAPERS DELIVERED SAMUEL ARDLEY ESQR.

Nº. 1 His Commission as Deputy Govr. of Fort Marlbro' &ca. Dated 8th. November 1761.
2 His Instructions Dated 16th. November 1761.
3 Invoice of the Earl Temple.
4 Abstract of Dº.
5 First and second Bills of Lading of Dº.
6 Invoice of Plassey.
7 Abstract of Dº.
8 First and Second Bills of Lading of Dº.

9 General Letter to Captain Vincent Dated 16th. November 1761.
10 Copy of Do.
11 General Letter from Captain Vincent Dated 21st. Augst. 1761.
12 Do. . . . from Do. . . . Dated 21st. Sepr. 1761.
13 General Letter to Mr. Herbert Dated 16th. Novr. 1761.
14 Copy of Do.
15 Copy General Letter to Batavia Dated 16th. Novr. 1761.
16 Copy Mr. Marriette's Instructions Dated 16th. Novr. 1761.
17 General Letter to Padong Dated 16th. Novr. 1761.
18 Copy of Do.
19 Letter to the Sultans of Moco Moco Dated 16th. Novr. 1761.
20 Copy of Do.
21 List of the Military, Artillery, Seapoys, Artificers & Lascars, Embarked on the Earl Temple Plassey & Ossterly.
22 Account of Money advanced the Military, Artillery, Seapoys Artificers & Lascars Embarked on the Earl Temple Plassey and Ossterly.
23 Copy of the Honble Companys Orders relating to their ship Earl Temple.
24 Copy of the Observations on a Perusal of all the Papers relative to the behavour [*sic*] of the Dutch on the West Coast of Sumatra.
25 Copy Letter from Mr. Wyatt Dated 4th. November 1761.
26 List of the West Coast Books & Papers Delivered Mr. Ardley.
27 List of Passengers pr. Ships Earl Temple and Plassey.
28 Copy Dispatch to Captain Foster or the Commanding Officer of the Earl Temple.
29 Copy Dispatch to Captain Hague of the ship Plassey.
30 Account Particular of sundry Articles Contained in 62 Bales of Military and Hospital Cloathing for the use of the West Coast.

Fort St. George 16th. November 1761.

William Aldersey,
Secretary.

No. 75.

To Thomas Heath Esqr.
Chief at Vizagapatam.

Sir

Having lately had under consideration the present State of your Settlement We have came to a resolution to fix the Establishments of Servants there, and the Allowances to each according to the enclosed Extract from the Minutes of Consultation form'd in consequence & which you are punctually to conform to.

Herewith are also some Regulations relating to the Military for your information.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
George Pigot &c. Council.

Fort St. George
28th. November 1761.

No. 76.

To Richard Fairfield Esqr.
Chief at Masulipatam.

Sir

In your Letter of the 7th. Instant you mention a Ballance to be due to the Company from Nebaunpoody Tellagapah formerly Renter of Goondure & of Pagodas 1293 31 40 which you apprehend to be a desperate Debt—You will be pleased to explain more fully to us in your next the circumstances relating hereto. When and for what Reason the Farm was taken from this man, and by [*sic*] the Ballance due from him was not clear'd at that time.

On examining the Accounts of Masulipatam we have come to a Resolution to fix the Establishment of Servants there and the Allowances to each as you will observe by the inclosed Extract from the Minutes of Consultation and which you will punctually conform to.

Herewith is also some Regulations relating to the Military for your Information.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
George Pigot. &ca. Council.

Fort St. George
28th. November 1761.

No. 77.

To the Honble Cristian Van Teylingen Esqr.
Governour of Negapatam and its Dependences,
President of the Council &ca. &ca. and
to the Gentlemen of the said Council.

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

We have received the Letter you did us the Honour to write to us the 13th. November last relating to the affairs of Mr. Carel Lodewyh Hagemeister lately deceased acquainting us that there are Accounts unadjusted between your Company and him and therefore desiring that we will compel Mr. John Calland and the Revernd Mr. John Philip Fabricus Executors of Mr. Hagemeister Will to deliver over all the Deceased Effects to the Chief of Pulicat and transmit the said Will to you.

We are ready and willing at all times to comply with your requests as far as We are able, but the present case is not within our Power, had Mr. Hagemeister been living and you had demanded him as a Debtor to your Company we should by no means have afforded him any protection against your just Claim, but the Power over his Effects is not vested in us, We have a Court of Justice Established here by the Kings authority which independantly of us has solely the Congnizance of Wills and Affairs relative to the Estates of Deaceased Persons, the Executors are accountable to that Court and not to us for their Conduct but as they are by law compellable to the Payment of all the deceased just debts first and before all things, We doubt not but they will ready discharge any debt that may appear to be due from the deceased to your Company. We shall recommend to them to do so and to send you a Copy of the Will further is not in our Power.

We have the Honour to be with great Esteem.

Honble Sir & Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient and Most Humble Servants
George Pigot &ca. Council.

Fort St George,
9th. December 1761.

No. 78.

To Charles Turner Esqr.

Sir

We have appointed you to reside at Cuddalore, in order to take charge of the Companys Affairs at that place.

Our principal intention in this appointment is to establish means for carrying on an Investment. You will therefore on your arrival make enquirry, and give us all necessary advices on this subject, and we particularly recommend to you to procure musters of the several sorts of Manufactures which were formerly provided for the Company at Fort St. David, the best of each sort, and send them to us with your observations thereon, that we may be enabled to give you such directions, as may best coincide with the Companys intentions respecting this branch.

Enclosed are Copies of the Cowles granted for the Farms of Fort St. David and Trevendeporum from the 1st. of August last for the Term of five years, The Rents have been paid to the end of November, and the Renters have orders to take the Payments in future to you, which you are to apply towards the disbursements of your Settlements, and the Occasions of the Investment.

We have appointed Mr. Edward Raddon to proceed with you as your Assistant. and your Allowances are as follows:—

Allowance as Chief	..	..	..	..	Pag 100 per Month.	
One Head Dubash	..	..	..	..	Pag 4 Pr. month.	
One Translator	..	..	..	..	8 pr.	Do.
One Persian writer	..	..	..	..	@ 4 pr.	do.
Two Chubdars	..	..	..	..	@ P 1·12 pr. each p	Do.
Four waiting Peons	..	..	..	..	@ P 1 pr. each pr.	Do.
One head peon	..	..	..	..	@ 2 pr.	Do.
Nineteen Peons	..	..	..	..	@ 1 each pr.	Do.
One Head Bricklayer	..	..	..		@ 5 pr.	Do.
One Head Chickledar	..	..	..	..	@ 2 pr.	Do.
One Head Carpenter	..	..	..	..	@ 3 pr.	Do.
One head Smith	..	..	..	..	@ 3 pr.	Do.
Two Cooley Smiths	..	..	..	..	@ 1½ each pr.	Do.
One hammer man	..	..	..	..	@ 1½ pr.	Do.
Two Bellows boys	..	..	..	..	@ Fa 15 each pr.	Do.

Syrangs, Tindals and Lascars you will acquaint us how many you find absolutely necessary as also what may be a sufficient allowance for oil, Tchees Sweepers and other necessary occasions of the Settlement.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
George Pigot & Council.

Fort St. George
December 23d. 1761.

No. 79.

To Richard Fairfield
Chief of Mazulipatam.

Sir

We have received your Letters of the 5th. and 8th. Instant with the Accounts of your Settlement enclosed in the former.

You will shortly be furnished with Directions concerning an Investment at Mazulipatam, in the meantime the Ballance you mention of Pagodas 10,000 may remain with you.

Four Pagodas is the established monthly allowance to seapoy Serjeants, those at Mazulipatam are therefore to be paid at that rate, but you will observe that only three Serjeants are allowed by the Establishment to one Battalion or nine Companies of Seapoys.

We approve of the method you have taken for the recovery of Tellagapah's Ballance and to guard as much as possible against the like Accidents in future it will be proper that you recommend to the several Renters to avoid launching out into expences beyond their Circumstances—on the contrary to live in a frugal manner that they may be enabled to make good their Rents.

We permit the two Braminies you recommend to be continued until more Companys servants can be spared you from hence as you represent their Assistance to be absolutely necessary. It is on this consideration only that we yield our Consent as it is our Intention that every Companys Covenant Servant do attend diligently to the execution of the Business that falls under his Departments, as the Introduction of Black Servants except in cases where it is indespensably necessary cannot but have an ill tendency.

The Company are not in future to be put to the expence of keeping Boats at Masulipatam. Wenever [*sic*] Boats are wanted for the service they must be hired for that purpose at the rate paid by private Merchants. Those now employed belonging to the Company must be disposed of at Publick sale and the above method observed.

With regard to the allowance of Oil It is our intention to allow what may be really necessary for the use of the Settlement and no more, you will therefore on receipt hereof visit the different Posts and Places where Lights are used, report such as may appear to you necessary with an estimate of the expence and a proper allowance shall be made.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
George Pigot &c^{a}. Council.

Fort S^{t}. George
26th. December 1761.

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